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Incorporation Day for NEON

The birth of the National Ecological Observatory Network is now official. On Thursday, 15 December 2005, NEON, Inc., was legally established as a not-for-profit corporation. It will serve as the primary coordinating body for NEON implementation and build-out. The NEON Project Office and staff will remain a division of the American Institute of Biological Sciences during the remainder of the project's design phase. Once subsumed by NEON, Inc., the Project Office will be responsible for the coordination and management of NEON construction, and for establishing partnerships, contracts, and subawards. The articles of incorporation and corporate bylaws for NEON, Inc., are available at www.neoninc.org (documents section).

AIBS Cosponsors Dover Teleconference

In December, AIBS and The Interfaith Alliance cosponsored a teleconference that brought together scientific and religious leaders to respond to the pro-evolution decision in the high-profile *Kitzmiller v. Dover* case. Reporters from a variety of media outlets attended, including the Associated Press, Reuters, *Science* magazine, National Public Radio, *New Scientist* magazine, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, and the *York Daily Record*. The consensus seemed to be that the Dover verdict was a huge victory for science, but would not completely stave off threats to science education. Representing AIBS was 2004 president Joel Cracraft, who served as an advisor to the American Civil Liberties Union at the Arkansas creation trial in 1981.

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