

blueprint for achieving our goals. In addition, the Board of Directors set forth an ambitious list of Implementation Priorities for 1999 based on these goals and objectives. Some of the most important priorities for 1999 include conducting a needs survey among biology teachers to find out what the profession really needs, developing a new biology assessment for the profession to use as a standard benchmark to measure learning in state-of-the-art classrooms, continuing to build sound relationships with professional science organizations, and making NABT's World Wide Web site a rich source of content and ideas for biology and life science teachers.

Surely, as individual teachers in our own classrooms, we all share the goal of providing the best possible biology and life science education for our students. The best way to achieve

that goal is to become active in your profession—read journals, attend conventions, and work with leaders to get your ideas into the forefront. Of course, as the only national association dedicated solely to the concerns of biology and life science educators, NABT is the best place to take that action. Don't just *join* NABT, *be* NABT. Attend the best convention for biology teachers. Read the "premiere science education journal in the country." Work on the committees. Run for office. If you make NABT your professional priority, you'll not only strengthen the leading association for biology and life science education for all teachers, you'll continue to grow as an educator and your students will get the best possible biology and life science education—a momentous responsibility. NABT members teach one million students a year!

## Letters to the Editor

### Creationists' Clarification Sought

Dear Editor:

Thanks for the enlightening features regarding the Scopes Trial. I seek the help from creationists for my dilemma. Since Archbishop Usser (1650) determined the date of Earth's creation on Saturday evening, October 23, 4004 BC, I have the following questions:

What occurred on October 22, 4004 BC?

Should that date have actually been January 1, 4004 BC?

If so, when is my actual birthday (now 2-17) so I know when to celebrate.

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### Submersible Light Sensor Correction

Dear Editor:

My article "A Submersible Light Sensor for Aquatic Ecology" [Tatina. 1998. *ABT* 60(7), 520-523] contains an error in the formula for calculating the light extinction coefficient. The formula on page 522 is incorrectly shown as " $E = \ln(I_a/I_b)/d$ ." It should be  $E = \ln(I_a/I_b)/d$ .

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