

**Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology
Resolution on**

**YEAR OF SCIENCE
2009**

WHEREAS, January 1, 2009 marks the beginning of the national yearlong 2009 Year of Science celebration established by the Coalition on the Public Understanding of Science (COPUS), a grassroots network of more than 400 scientific organizations nationwide working together to highlight "How We Know What We Know" and engage in a cross disciplinary celebration of the process and nature of science;

WHEREAS, the lack of public understanding and, in some cases, misrepresentation of science is a national crisis and should be a concern to all scientists, science educators, business leaders, and public policy officials;

WHEREAS, an informed understanding of the nature and value of science is necessary if the public is going to support efforts to maintain the scientific enterprise that has been so successful in this country, both in advancing scientific understanding and in promoting economic development;

WHEREAS, direct engagement between scientists and the public has previously been underemphasized;

THEREFORE SICB RESOLVES to actively participate in the Year of Science. We encourage our members to communicate scientific processes and information to the media, policy makers, and the public at large, and to take part in Year of Science program and events.

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