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**‘Science on the Road’ Promotes Fun Science to Students Across Nova Scotia**

**Halifax, NS** - Recently, Petroleum Research Atlantic Canada (PRAC) has partnered with Discovery Centre to support an existing science and technology program designed to encourage innovation and life-long learning for students across Nova Scotia.

The aim of the ‘Science on the Road’ program is to entice interest in science through an informal, interactive, hands-on approach. As the name implies, ‘Science on the Road’ is a mobile program where a staff member from Discovery Centre travels to elementary schools across the province to facilitate fun scientific activities similar to those at the Centre. Children in grades four, five and six who normally are not able to make the trip to Halifax can learn about science by “doing” science in their own classroom.

“We started ‘Science on the Road’ in September 2003 because we wanted to ensure that all students in Nova Scotia have the opportunity to take part in Discovery Centre activities,” says Liz Batstone, Executive Director of Discovery Centre. “The first year was a huge success. The \$5,000 grant donated by PRAC and funding from our other partners will ensure that the program continues to spread enthusiasm for science and technology in our second year.”

“PRAC is pleased to be part of the ‘Science on the Road’ program,” says the organization’s president Lee Shinkle. “We highly support Discovery Centre and the notion of exposing people of all ages to science.”

Discovery Centre is a not for profit organization and an integral part of the community, complementing the education system by presenting science and technology in a fun and innovative way. PRAC is a federally incorporated, not for profit, public-private partnership, that is committed to increasing the capacity and scale of petroleum related research and development in Atlantic Canada.

Through ‘Science on the Road’, Discovery Centre, PRAC and other funding partners hope to facilitate the realization that science is everywhere and in everything. To learn more about this program, Discovery Centre or PRAC, please visit their respective Web sites at [www.discoverycentre.ns.ca](http://www.discoverycentre.ns.ca) and [www.pr-ac.ca](http://www.pr-ac.ca).

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