

(to be printed on corporate letterhead)

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Dr. Charles M. Vest
President
National Academy of Engineering
500 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Dr. Vest:

On behalf of the graduate students organizing committee, I would like to formally invite you to serve as the keynote speaker at the upcoming Graduate Student Research Conference 2008 on October 1st, 2008. The Graduate Student Research Conference 2008 will be held at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ.

This conference is aimed to serve as a survey of current research by graduate students from Charles V. Schaefer, Jr. School of Engineering and Sciences. We hope that this event will bring together more than 150 graduate researchers and enable them to discuss and present current work on resolving technological challenges of today. Given your expertise, we would ask that you speak on the subject of Grand Challenges for Engineering. We find this topic to be of great importance to today's young researchers and believe that it would complement our event in the best way. Your presentation would be a highlight of this important occasion, and would be scheduled for [exact time] on October 1st, 2008.

Graduate Student Research Conference is already a traditional event at Stevens Institute of Technology organized solely by students. It is a one-day conference which includes student presentations, a poster session and a keynote address. We expect attendance this year to be the highest ever; in the area of 200 attendees and 20 speakers. For further details please see the attached overview of the conference.

%We will forward a complete draft speaker program to you in a couple of weeks to give you an idea of the specific %subjects that will be covered by the other speakers.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this invitation. For any questions, please feel free to contact me at 201-916-0012 or 201-216-8712 and mzivkovi@stevens.edu. In the meantime, I will be in touch with your office in the coming days to inquire about your availability.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Marko Zivkovic
President
Stevens Society of Graduate Physics Students