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## **NASA LANGLEY HOSTS EDUCATOR CENTER CONFERENCE**

NASA is sharing its expertise and resources with Educator Resource Center program managers of across the United States and its territories. The annual training conference will be held April 22-24 at NASA Langley Research Center and the Hampton Holiday Inn, Hampton, Va.

**Media Opportunity: Members of the media are invited to learn about the NASA Educator Astronaut Program from Astronaut Leland Melvin, who leads the efforts for recruitment of educators. Melvin will be available at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 22, in the Jamestown Room at the Holiday Inn. To interview Astronaut Melvin, contact Kimberly Land at (757) 864-9885 or 344-8611 (mobile) for details.**

Over 85 participants are expected to attend the planning meeting, representing each of the NASA Educator Resource Centers. The focus of the meeting will be a commemoration of the Centennial of Flight.

During the three-day conference, NASA Astronaut and former NASA Langley employee, Leland Melvin will be a guest speaker, in addition to program managers from other NASA centers and NASA Headquarters. Dr. John C. Houbolt, retired NASA Langley employee and father of the Lunar-Orbit Rendezvous concept for NASA's manned lunar landing mission, will be a special guest, sharing "the idea that nobody wanted."

The purpose of a NASA Educator Resource Center (ERC) is to help teachers learn about and use NASA's educational resources. NASA ERCs are located on or near NASA field centers, museums, colleges, universities and other nonprofit organizations.

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Through the network, NASA provides expertise and facilities to help educators access and use science, mathematics, technology and geography products that follow the national education standards and state frameworks.

"The objective of these annual planning meetings is to give educators an overview of new NASA programs that are available to them," said Dr. Bill Williams, Pre-college Officer, NASA Langley's Office of Education. "Additionally, conference participants get to experience a NASA research center."

The ERCs provide educators with demonstrations of educational technologies such as NASA Space Link, NASA Television, and the NASA Education homepage. They also provide training for in-service and pre-service teachers using NASA educator guides on a variety of subjects for grades K-12. Educators can attend educational workshops on NASA-related subjects and preview, copy, and receive NASA instructional products.

Conference participants will tour a variety of NASA Langley facilities and get a "sneak-peak" at the research done at the Center.

For more information about the NASA Education Resource Center Network, the NASA Educator Astronaut Program or other NASA educational initiatives and programs, visit:

**<http://spacelink.nasa.gov/ercn>**

**<http://edspace.nasa.gov>**

**<http://education.nasa.gov>**

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