

National Science & Technology Week

16-23 October 2006

Theme: Creativity and Innovation

The Event

The National Science & Technology Week was first established by a presidential decree in 2004. This annual national event takes place in October. It is coordinated by the Ministry of Science and Technology (MCT) and has been growing each year. In 2004, 257 institutions in 252 towns throughout Brazil promoted 1,848 activities. In 2005, there were already 844 institutions that, in 332 towns, performed 6.701 different activities. This year we expect the event to grow even more.

Objectives

The goal is to encourage people to participate in the event particularly children and young people. The emphasis is placed on scientific attitude, creativity and innovation in science and technology. The objective of the event is to highlight the importance of science and technology to the life of each one and the nation's development, as well as to help the population to learn and discuss the results, relevance and impact of technological and scientific researches and their applications.

Organisation

The MCT Science and Technology Division for Social Inclusion through its Department for the Popularization and Diffusion of Science and Technology coordinates the activities throughout the country. State and federal governments, research and teaching institutions and entities linked to science and technology also participate in the organisation of the Week.

How to Participate?

In order to participate in the National C&T Week, first think about the activities in which you can take part or organise at your school, your neighbourhood, your residents' association, your building, your university, your research Institution, in public parks, streets etc. To better promote the event, it is very important that you let the organisers know what you intend to do.

On the official web site of the event, you will find information about how to contact the organizers by states, in addition to general information, news, articles, vignettes, spots for radio, links to science videos and other material which may help develop your activities. It is important to register your Institution on the site, as well as the activities that you expect to undertake. All information gathered throughout the country will be available to the public and the press on the web. There you can also request the publicity materials (posters, folders, videos etc.) related to the event.

Who can participate?

Universities and research institutes; private and public schools; centres and museums of science and technology; scientific and technological agencies; state and local departments of science and technology, and of education; foundations for research support; public parks and botanical gardens; C&T commissions of the legislative houses; public and private companies; the media; governmental bodies; non-governmental organisations and civil society entities.

Activities

Among the many activities that will take place throughout the country are:

- 'Open Door Days' in research institutions and universities;
- Science fairs and festivals;
- Competitions for children and young people;
- Workshops for the public;
- Activities linking science, culture and art;
- Visits of scientists to schools;
- Public talks and discussions on scientific topics of general interest;
- Journeys of scientific initiation;
- Elaboration of maps of science, primers, folders etc;
- Showing of scientific films and videos;
- Scientific exhibitions and tours;
- Newspapers, radio and television interviews, debates and documentaries on science and technology;
- Publication of flyers in magazines and newspapers.

The 100th Anniversary of the 14Bis Flight

Although each year the organizers suggest an integrating activity to be developed throughout the country, the event is open to all themes and areas of knowledge. This year the suggested motto has been inspired by the achievements of Santos-Dumont, since we celebrate, in 2006, the 100th anniversary of the 14bis flight. We hope people will get involved in activities which encourage creativity and innovation and make them learn more about his achievements and contributions to aviation development.

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