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NTID receives $95K to host national summit

E. William Clymer, associate director of NTID's Center on Access Technology, has been awarded a $95,188 grant from the National Science Foundation's Office of Cyberinfrastructure for a Summit to Create a Cyber-Community to Advance Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Individuals in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

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Attending the summit will be 50 leaders in the field of support-service provision for postsecondary deaf and hard-of-hearing students from across the United States. The primary outcome of this conference will be a report on the current state of online remote interpreting and captioning for deaf and hard-of-hearing STEM students. Additionally, the principals will prepare a recommendation report specifying the characteristics of a multimedia cyberinfrastructure to provide remote communication support for deaf and hard-of-hearing students in mainstream STEM classrooms.

The three-day conference, scheduled for June 26-28, is timed to follow the 2008 International Symposium on Educational Technology and Education of the Deaf, scheduled for June 23-25 at RIT. Visit www.rit.edu/~techsym for symposium information.

"Leading the way in innovative technological teaching methods for deaf and hard-of-hearing students is at the core of NTID's mission," says Alan Hurwitz, RIT vice president for NTID and CEO/dean of NTID. "It's very exciting to be working with colleagues throughout the campus and around the country to benefit student learning."

Jorge Díaz-Herrera, dean of the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, is co-principal investigator on the project. James DeCaro, former NTID dean and current director of both the Center on Access Technology and Postsecondary Education Network-International, and Richard Ladner, Boeing Professor in Computer Science and Engineering in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering and adjunct professor of electrical engineering and linguistics at the University of Washington, will also be key participants in the summit. ■

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