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NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTER WINS JASON PROJECT AWARD

Augusta, GA -- The National Science Center, headquartered at Fort Discovery, was named the PIN (Partner Information Network) Site of the Year (school year 2001-2002) during the annual JASON Project Spring Conference in Washington, DC, April 29 - May 1, 2002. Dr. David Toburen, Director of the JASON Project in Georgia and the ETTC at the National Science Center, accepted the award.

"This award really goes to the National Science Center for sponsoring the JASON Project in Georgia, the thirteen Educational Technology Training Centers (part of the Georgia Tech State Data and Research Center), and the many principals, curriculum directors and teachers who see the JASON Project as a way to excite students about real science," stated Dr. Toburen.

The JASON Project, founded by oceanographer Dr. Bob Ballard in 1989, takes researchers, educators and student Argonauts on two-week expeditions to remote locations. Those expeditions are broadcast live by PIN Sites and attended by thousands of students annually. "By taking advantage of cutting edge communications technology and bringing science to life, the JASON Project is helping to revolutionize the way science is taught. That is good news not only for our students, but for our country," according to Dr. Bob Ballard.

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The 2002-2003 expedition, JASON Project XIV: From Shore to Shore, will explore the unique, dynamic aquatic systems extending from California's coast to the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. Broadcast dates for JASON Project XIV are January 27 - February 7, 2003.

To find out more about the JASON Project in Georgia visit <http://tech.nscdiscovery.org> or call 706-821-0630, 800-325-5445, ext. 5575.

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