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**National Association Of Biology Teachers Honors Prominent Scientist for  
His Contributions to Biology Education  
Dr. Neil H. Shubin to Receive 2011 Distinguished Service Award**

**McLean, VA-** The National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) is proud to announce that Dr. Neil Shubin, a scientist and educator at the University of Chicago, has been named the recipient of this year's Distinguished Service Award for Enhancing Education through Biological Research. This award will be presented at 2011 NABT Professional Development Conference in Anaheim, CA during the Biology Educator Leadership Scholarship (BELS) Benefit Dinner. Dr. Shubin will also be the featured speaker at this event.

"Dr. Neil Shubin is one of the leading voices of the new evolutionary synthesis. His work in the field of expeditionary paleontology has lead to numerous fossil finds that have transformed the way we think about many of the key transformations in evolution, culminating in his discovery of *Tiktaalik roseae*," said Daniel Ward, President of NABT. "His many lectures, television appearances, and writings have contributed much to the general public's understanding of biology, biology education and science literacy, and I can think of no more deserving an individual to receive the NABT Distinguished Service Award."

The NABT Distinguished Service Award was established in 1988 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the association. The purpose of the award is to recognize scientists for the significant contribution that their research has made to the field of biology education. Notable winners of the award include James Watson, Stephen Jay Gould, Francis Collins, E.O. Wilson, Sean Carroll, Ken Miller, and Richard Dawkins.

"I am deeply honored to receive the NABT Distinguished Service Award. In an age where the ideas and tools of biology are increasingly playing a role in our lives, it is a deep honor to be recognized by those who are at the front lines of educating the next generation," said Dr. Shubin.

A John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellow, Shubin earned a Ph.D. in organismic and evolutionary biology from Harvard University in 1987 and joined the University faculty as Chairman of Organismal Biology & Anatomy in 2001. He is Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In addition to being the recipient of numerous awards for both his scientific and academic achievements, Shubin is well

known for his discovery of *Tiktaalik roseae* and as the author of *Your Inner Fish: A Journey Through the 3.5-Billion-Year History of the Human Body* (Pantheon Press).

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**About NABT:** Since being established in 1938, the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) has been the recognized "leader in life science education." Thousands of educators have joined NABT to share experiences and expertise with colleagues from around the globe; keep up with trends and developments in the field; and grow professionally.