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### Quick Facts

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ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Rudy Mancke**, a University of South Carolina lecturer on nature and wildlife and former host of SCETV NatureScene, will be the keynote speaker for the **78th annual meeting of the South Carolina Academy of Science (SCAS)** on March 16 at Winthrop University.

More than 300 scientists from education, business and government will attend the conference, as well as another 150 high school students from across the state. The annual meeting will feature nearly 200 presentations, an awards presentation and a Junior Academy banquet. The presentations will cover a broad range of science topics from biology issues to public health to geography. The program chair for the 2005 meeting is **SCAS president-elect Jim Privett**, professor of chemistry and physics at the University of South Carolina Sumter.

**Mancke** will give his speech at 11 a.m. in **Tillman Auditorium**. **Tom Moore**, Winthrop's vice president for academic affairs, will welcome participants. Afterwards, organizers will announce the **three winners of the Governor's Award for Excellence in Science** presented by the Governor's office, the S.C. Commission on Higher Education and the academy. Another award, the **SCAS Award for Excellence in Secondary School Science Teaching**, will be given to a South Carolina high school teacher.

The academy was organized in 1924 under the direction of G.C. Mance, a professor of geology at Winthrop. It is the only statewide interdisciplinary science organization whose membership includes high school and college students, educators, scientists and business people. To honor Mance's contributions to the academy, there will be a poster presentation during the morning hours in the Tuttle Dining Room.

Winthrop officials said they are honored to host the conference for the first time. "With the completion of our Life Sciences Building in 2000 and the major refurbishment of the Sims Science Building, we look forward to showcasing our science facilities to others in the field," said **Debra Boyd**, dean of Winthrop's College of Arts and Sciences. "We appreciate the support for this event provided by President Anthony DiGiorgio, Vice President Moore, and local corporations. We look forward to providing a forum in which to share research and ideas."

**Sponsors for the event are:** Atotech, Carolina–Piedmont section of the American Chemical Society, BMW, Bowater, Michelin North America, Roche Carolina Inc., MeadWestvaco, ATS Carolina, Milliken Foundation, University of South Carolina Sumter, and Winthrop.

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