

## Tips to ensure the exhibitors and you have a successful judging experience.

- 1. Introduce yourself where do you come from, what do you do. Ask the students likewise.
- 2. Ask them what grade they are in. You might be surprised.
- 3. Ask questions in an upbeat and positive manner, remembering that these are elementary and high school projects, not MSc or PhD candidates.
- 4. The interview must last for the full period. The students have worked very hard, and even the weakest exhibit is entitled to a full and rewarding interview.
- 5. Finish by telling the students how much you have enjoyed your time with them, and find two things about their presentation to praise.
- 6. Leave five minutes to fill in the *Judge's Marking Sheet*.
- 7. Do not comment in any public area on any exhibit where an exhibitor or parent can hear you. The competition is intense, and rumours abound.
- 8. If you find an exhibit that you are unqualified to judge, or in which you have a conflict of interest, please inform your Category & Division Chair immediately.

## PLEASE KEEP TO TIME!