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(Cambridge, MA, February 28, 2006)—Dr. George E. Hein, a leader in science and museum education, has been selected by the TERC Board of Trustees to serve as TERC's interim president. Dr. Hein will begin his tenure on May 1, 2006, when TERC's current president, Dr. Dennis Bartels, becomes Director of the Exploratorium in San Francisco.

Hein is Professor Emeritus in the Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences at Lesley University and a member of the TERC Board of Trustees since 1998. At Lesley he founded the Program Evaluation Research Group (PERG), which has become a major national center studying education reform efforts, and he developed and directed the university's first Ph.D. program.

Hein has been a Fulbright Research Fellow at Kings' College London, visiting faculty at the University of Leicester and at the University of Technology, Sydney. He is the author of two books and numerous papers on science education, museum education, evaluation, and visitor studies. He also serves on the advisory boards for several science museum exhibition development teams. He earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Michigan and was an academic chemist at the California Institute of Technology, Boston University, and Harvard University Medical School.

Arthur Nelson, chairman of the TERC Board, commented, "The organization is very fortunate to have someone like George to lead during the interim period. As a scientist, educator, and curriculum developer, he knows the work of the organization and understands the vital role it plays in education."

Honored by the Board's request, Hein said he is thrilled about the opportunity to serve. "TERC is and has been a premier research and development center for four decades. I look forward to working with the talented and dedicated TERC staff to continue the important work underway and to help plan for the future."

Hein said it will be challenging to match the extraordinary professional skill that Bartels brought to the job. "Dennis is an untiring advocate for science and mathematics education and research and has done so much for TERC's future. I am committed to sustaining the work and moving it forward. Organizations like TERC are critical to advancing the science and math skills essential for a democratic society."

Hein will serve until the search for a new president is completed, a process that is already underway, according to the TERC Board.

Founded in 1965, TERC is a not-for-profit education research and development organization dedicated to improving math, science, and technology education. Working at the edges of current theory and practice, TERC contributes to the understanding of teaching and learning through research, fosters professional development, develops applications of new technologies, creates curricula and other products, and supports school reform.