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DUIUTH--Dr. Robert L. Heller, head of UIC's department of geology, is among 30 leaders in science and education attending a National Science Foundation conference in Washington, D.C. (Oct.19,20)

Purpose of the gathering is to determine the Foundation's role in improving the content of science programs in elementary and junior high schools.

Dr. Arthur Roe, head of the Foundation's course content improvement section, said prior to the meetings that advances in knowledge have out-stripped changes in the content of schools programs. As a result, Roe said, "the task of improving course content requires nothing less than the best talents the nation can provide."

Dr. Heller is nationally known in the geology and science field and is consulted often on such matters as course development content and objectives.