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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ISAS ANNUAL MEETING AT EIU

CHARLESTON -- "Sustaining Planet Earth" is the theme for the 88th annual meeting of the Illinois State Academy of Science (ISAS) Friday, Oct. 6 on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

The conference provides a forum for faculty and students throughout Illinois to present the results of their research.

Other highlights include a free, public lecture by Barry Noon, acting chief scientist for the National Biological Survey in Washington, D.C.

Noon will speak on "Natural Resources, Endangered Species and the Role of Science in the Formulation of Public Policy: The Case of the Spotted Owl" at 8 p.m. Friday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on South Seventh Street.

Earlier in the day, faculty, students and other interested individuals are invited to attend oral paper presentations from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the meeting rooms on the third floor of the University Union (east

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wing). Papers on topics relating to agriculture, botany, cell biology, chemistry, computer science, earth science, engineering, environmental science, health science, microbiology, science and mathematics education and zoology will be presented.

EIU students with a valid ID may attend the sessions free of charge but must register as "student guests" and display an ISAS name tag. All other participants must register and have an ISAS name tag before they can participate in the meeting activities.

On-site registration will be held Friday in the lounge area outside the Union Grand Ballroom.

The ISAS luncheon and business meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. The poster session will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the University Ballroom in the Union, followed by the annual ISAS dinner from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. Tickets are required for the luncheon, poster session and banquet.

The meeting is sponsored by Eastern's College of Sciences and the Departments of Botany and Zoology.

For more information or to register, contact Andy Methven, botany department, Eastern Illinois University, at (217) 581-6241.