

## JUDGING

Judges at Regional Expos and at National Finals are asked to give their personal opinions and to make assessments based on their professional qualifications and expertise. A standardized assessment form (also available as a guideline on our web site) is used at all times. Most projects will be judged by three separate judges at the regional competition. In this region, the judges are mostly academic staff from Stellenbosch University, but also teachers and some people from the industry.

One or two teachers per school are required as judges at the regional competition in Stellenbosch. Training will be given to EXPO-inexperienced teachers.

Judging is based on a number of criteria, which include:

- Originality of the project
- Scientific method
- Clarity of presentation
- Skill in presentation of data and material
- Thoroughness of research
- Depth of knowledge
- Visual appeal of the poster
- Personal interview

The exhibit should look attractive and interesting. A judge or spectator should be able to see what the exhibitor has done, and what he/she has found.

The interview with the judges is aimed at establishing the exhibitor's understanding of the topic, the originality and thoroughness of their methods and experimentation.

Most of what an exhibitor has done should be on display or be discussed during the interview. A standard set of judges criteria are used at Regional and National level. Please note that at Regional and National Finals the judge's decision is final and neither discussion nor correspondence will be entered into, concerning the Expo results.