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Event: Lecture: "Honda 'Insight' and the Future of Hybrid Automotive Technology" by John German, American Honda.

Date: Oct. 5 (Friday)

Time: 4 p.m.

Location: Anderson Auditorium, Center for Natural Science, 102 E. Beecher St., Bloomington

Admission: Free and open to the public

Background: Now in its sixth year, the Natural Science Colloquia Series is a forum where contemporary scientists are invited to share cutting-edge advances in the natural sciences in a manner that is accessible to undergraduate students.

German is the manager of Environmental and Energy Analysis for American Honda Motor Company. Prior to joining Honda three years ago, German spent 13 years doing research and writing regulations for the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Mobile Sources laboratory in Ann Arbor, Mich. In the past he has also worked on fuel economy issues as a power-train engineer at Chrysler.

In his presentation, German will examine the future of hybrid automotive technology, using the Honda "Insight" as a case study.

"My own sense is that hybrid automotive technology is the most likely avenue for us to try to trim, in the near future, our dependence on gasoline," said Narendra Jaggi, professor and chair of physics and the colloquia coordinator. "The current national tragedy is a grim reminder that we must do all we can to diversify our transportation technologies."

Refreshments will be served. Bring a reusable cup.

Other Colloquia Events: All events are on Fridays at 4 p.m. in C101 unless otherwise noted:

- **Oct. 12:** "Sex and the Modern House Wren" by Charles F. Thompson, professor, Illinois State University
- **Oct. 26:** "Contributions of Mass Spectrometry to Structural Virology: The Investigation of Protein-Nucleic Acid Interactions in HIV-1" by Dan Fabris, professor, University of Maryland-Baltimore
- **Nov. 2:** "A Physicist's Walk on the Beach: Stressing the Sand" by Nathan Mueggenburg, professor, University of Chicago

- **Nov. 9:** "Error Detecting/Correcting Codes" by Himat Batra, professor, Bradley University
- **Nov. 30:** "Spotting the Ugly Duckling: Perceived Entitativity and Comparison Processes Within Groups" by Cynthia Pickett, professor, University of Illinois

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