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ROCK DOCTOR SIGNS WITH CREATION MUSEUM:

Renowned Geologist Joins Ministry Research Team of Answers in Genesis and its Creation Museum

PETERSBURG, Ky., June 13, 2007 – Dr. Andrew Snelling, one of the world’s most respected creation scientists specializing in geological studies, has joined Answers in Genesis (AiG) as the organization’s new director of research. This announcement comes on the heels of the ministry’s Creation Museum grand opening a little more than two weeks ago.

The addition of Dr. Snelling confirms AiG’s efforts to continue to meet the highest standards in its research in creation studies, according to AiG co-founder and President Ken Ham.

“Dr. Snelling’s stature among the scientific community should be an unequivocal sign to the academic world and the media that serious research is being conducted at AiG and its museum,” Ham said.

Since it opened its doors to museum charter members late last month and then held a grand opening on Memorial Day (May 28), AiG has garnered international attention for its 60,000-square-foot, high-tech Creation Museum, which has drawn more than 28,000 visitors so far.

In years past, the ministry has relied on outside, part-time consultants in geologic studies to ensure that the museum’s extensive exhibits were accurate. Dr. Snelling, who spent considerable time serving as a consultant in developing the museum’s large flood-geology room, becomes AiG’s first full-time Ph.D. in the field of geology, joining a staff of four other full-time Ph.D. scientists who come from an array of academic disciplines. Dr. Snelling earned his degree in geology from the University of Sydney in Australia.

Dr. Snelling has extensive experience working in the mining industry in Australia. One of his main areas of research has been the study of methods used in dating rocks, a key area of research for groups like AiG, which are convinced of a young age for the earth. Snelling’s research, for example, has shown different radioisotope dates on the *same* rock samples.

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In addition, Dr. Snelling's research has indicated that radioactive decay rates must not have been constant in the past, citing the halos in rock crystals, which clearly show radioactive decay was accelerated in the past.

Dr. Snelling's research has demonstrated that a global flood about 4,300 years ago explains most rock layers and fossil deposits found around the world. Building from this foundation, Dr. Snelling has made predictions as to what should be found if a catastrophic global flood actually happened (e.g., the existence of extensive rock layers).

Technical papers by Dr. Snelling on metamorphism and rock dating have won the prestigious "Technical Excellence Award" as best technical paper at both the 1994 and 1998 International Conferences on Creationism respectively.

"We are ecstatic to have someone of Dr. Snellings' caliber to oversee research projects, write science articles, and also give occasional lectures at the museum and at other venues on behalf of the Creation Museum," Ham said. "A gifted communicator, Dr. Snelling is just as effective speaking to a lay audience, as he is to a group of academic peers."

Answers in Genesis is a biblical apologetics ministry, which conducts more than 300 teaching meetings each year, hosts an award-winning Web site (www.AnswersInGenesis.org), and produces the "Answers" radio program heard on more than 860 stations throughout the United States. The just-opened Creation Museum near the Cincinnati Airport takes visitors on a "walk through history" according to the Bible, and features a highly praised Special Effects Theater, state-of-the-art planetarium, animatronic dinosaurs, and impressive fossil and mineral displays.

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