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**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
**Kent State to Host Liquid Crystal Day on April 23**

**WHAT:** Kent State University will host the first-ever "Liquid Crystal Day," a symposium that brings together students, scientists and industrial professionals from different academic backgrounds and provides a platform for intellectual and enlightening interactions. Liquid Crystal Day will highlight the achievements in science and engineering of liquid crystal research at Kent State. The theme for Liquid Crystal Day is "Enhancing and Fostering National and International Leadership through Networking among Liquid Crystal Scientists and Engineers."

Invited speakers include:

- **Noel A. Clark**, University of Colorado, *"Mysteries of Bananas"*
- **Peter J. Collings**, Swarthmore College, *"Azimuthally Disordered Tilted Smectics: It All Started at Kent State"*
- **John H. Erdmann**, Hana Microdisplay Technologies, Inc., *"When Good Scientists Go Bad"*

**WHEN:** Friday, April 23 from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., opening session at 9 a.m., followed by speakers Noel A. Clark and Peter J. Collings. Student posters, industrial exhibits and tours of the Institute will take place between 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. on the second and third floors atrium of the Liquid Crystal Materials Building. Student presentations will follow from 3-4 p.m. John H. Erdmann will speak from 4-4:40 p.m. An awards ceremony will follow. Liquid Crystal Day is dedicated to **Emeritus Director and Professor J. William Doane**, who served as the director of Kent State's Liquid Crystal Institute from 1983-1996. Doane, who will be in attendance, will be recognized for his outstanding contributions to the Liquid Crystal Institute.

**WHERE:** Samsung Auditorium, located on the first floor of the Liquid Crystal and Materials Sciences Building on the Kent campus.

**REGISTRATION:** To register, visit <http://www.lcd.kent.edu>. The program is free and open to the public for those who register before April 21. Registration on the day of event requires a \$10 registration fee. For more information visit [www.lcd.kent.edu](http://www.lcd.kent.edu)

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