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Accelerating Science Discovery: From the '40s to the Future

OSTI's 60th Anniversary Program

September 18, 2007

1:00 pm Exhibits Open

2:00 pm Program Begins in Assembly Area

Welcoming Remarks and Special Recognitions
Walt Warnick, Director, DOE/OSTI

Distinguished Speakers

Zach Wamp, United States Congressman

Jeff Salmon, Associate Under Secretary for Science, DOE

Eugene Garfield, Founder & Chairman Emeritus, Thomson Scientific

Concluding Remarks
Walt Warnick

3:00 pm Reception

4:00 pm Exhibits Close

The genesis of OSTI was in 1945, when General Leslie R. Groves called for *one central file* of all information on the astonishing creation of the atomic bomb. Codified in law in 1946 in the Atomic Energy Act, requiring public release of basic nuclear science information, the Technical Information Division - OSTI's predecessor - was first formed under AEC in April 1947. A few months later, in October of that year, all collecting, editing, processing, and distribution were combined under the direction of the Technical Information Division Chief. Almost immediately the information center began publishing the world-renown *Nuclear Science Abstracts*.

Six decades and many milestones hence, OSTI is known for its innovations nationally and internationally. The tradition of service and commitment to excellence rests upon the shoulders of OSTI's dedicated staff with a common goal of ensuring that citizens have access to their government's research findings and in fact to all scientific and technical knowledge.