

## **Solar energy development through students**

In early 1999, a scheme called Global Solar Partners was launched on the Internet wherein 50 secondary-grade schools from around the globe had to team up with a partner school and work together on solar-related projects during the year. Teachers were invited to register their students, in the age group of 11-18 years, for this BP Amoco-sponsored project. During the project, teams received support in the form of solar investigation kit, research material, access to communication facilities or support from a solar "mentor" or BP Solar engineer.

'Global Solar Exchange Unit', a new programme designed for students aged 12-16 years, was launched in February 2000. Teachers can get registered free of charge at <http://www.asehq.org.uk/solar/register.html>. Students can research various aspects of solar energy and can exchange ideas with other students globally. *Contact: Dr. Paul Rowley, The Association for Science Education, College Lane, Hatfield, Herts AL10 9AA, the United Kingdom. Tel: +44 (1707) 283 000; Fax: +44 (1707) 266 532; E-mail: rowleyp@bp.com.*