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Plagiarism in Science

Professor Brian J Ford
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7.30 p.m., Monday 19th October, 2009

Sanger Building, DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY
University of Cambridge
80 Tennis Court Road, OLD ADDENBROOKES SITE
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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Note the difference venue! This lecture, and the one on 2nd November, will take place in the SANGER BUILDING at the Biochemistry Department. This is because our normal venue is being refurbished

Our President writes:

"Scientists have been copying each other's work - and reproducing it, unattributed - since the earliest years of natural philosophy. Today we will follow some remarkable examples, and discover how knowledge can be perverted when errors multiply as they are copied by generations of researchers. In the modern world, plagiarism is a scourge of scientific publication. The cut-and-paste availability of information on the Internet makes the problem worse. How widespread is plagiarism? Are we becoming more tolerant of it? Tonight's talk shows how plagiarism occurs - and reveals that, in today's high-throughout world, scientists can even be led to plagiarize themselves!"

About the speaker:

We need no introduction about our President. He is, beyond doubt, one of the most talented people I have ever known, with an astonishing range of knowledge and (this is the important bit) with the ability to use it!

Wikipedia gives a very good summary of Brian's background. Or you can Google him!

I hadn't realised he designed a microscope for use in space.....

As an aside; this autumn is the 50th anniversary Brian's first published scientific articles!

The Organising Secretary adds.....

My main concerns about this lecture have been (a) finding a venue for it and (b) trying to organise our usual coffee and biscuits beforehand! We shall know if I have been successful only when it is 7.31 pm on Monday 19th!

Parking may be available on Lensfield Road or on Trumpington Street, and should certainly be available in the Lion Yard Car Park. The lecture theatre in the Sanger Building has been made available through the good offices of Professor Sir Tom Blundell, who is a member of our Council.

This lecture, and the next one (by Quentin Cooper, who introduces the BBC Radio 4 programme 'Material World' will both take place in the Sanger Building, which is part of the Biochemistry Department on Tennis Court Road. Importantly, it is the **Old Addenbrooke's Site**, which many of you will remember. Nothing to do with the facility out at Hinxton!

Tennis Court Road runs parallel to, and between, Trumpington Street and Regent Street, in the centre of Cambridge

Best Regards

Richard Freeman, CSAR Organising Secretary

Coffee will HOPEFULLY be available in the MAIN CONCOURSE of the Sanger Building; the lecture theatre is downstairs, below the Concourse, from ~7.00 p.m.

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