

**1<sup>st</sup> May 2009 - News and Events of Interest. Plus 12th May - Current Routes to Success!**

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### **The Institute of Physics Schools and Colleges Lecture**

IoP is looking for an enthusiastic and inspiring physicist to produce and deliver the 2010 talk to audiences primarily of 14-16 year olds at approximately 35 venues organised by the Institute. Past talks have included Fantastic Plastic by Averil MacDonald and Music to your Ears with Wendy Sadler. Existing talks will be considered if they have not toured nationally and in the past the Institute has funded the tour with around £20k. Deadline for proposals: Friday 15th May 2009. For further details contact Clare Mills, Project Coordinator, Education Department. Institute of Physics Tel: 020 7470 4965 E-mail: [clare.mills@iop.org](mailto:clare.mills@iop.org)

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### **BBSRC appointments to Strategy Panels and Committees.**

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) funds basic and strategic biological research, supports postgraduate training, promotes knowledge transfer and public engagement with science. It is currently looking to appoint high calibre, committed individuals from the academic and user sectors to develop the BBSRC research portfolio and is seeking to fill a number of vacancies on their Strategy Panels and Research Committees. Further details can be found at: [http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/media/news/2009/090420\\_appointments\\_panels\\_committees.html](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/media/news/2009/090420_appointments_panels_committees.html) The deadline for expression of interest is 9 June 2009.

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The BBC is currently developing a Factual Entertainment series exploring what intelligence is and how it can and should be measured in the modern world. It has been commissioned for BBC3 and as such will be a light-hearted contestant programme, but containing a serious message about intelligence. We're casting for 4 outstandingly academic individuals with a proven record of excellence in a particular area to make up a regular panel of contestants. This panel will return each week to face tasks against a team of contestants from non-academic backgrounds. These tasks will test them in areas of human performance and will be based on the latest psychological and scientific research. Through these challenges we hope to highlight all areas of intelligence, including areas that are often overlooked. Then with the help of psychologists and experts we will investigate why some people do better at certain tasks than others. We want our four main contributors to represent a range of subjects. With this in mind I'm contacting you to ask if you can suggest or could pass this information onto anyone who you think might be interested in being involved. We're keen to meet outstanding female minds, who can inspire our younger audience with their enthusiasm and talent, particularly in Physics. Obviously we are not looking to harangue anyone into doing something they wouldn't be comfortable with, so we are asking people to be involved who have a good sense of fun and are interested in finding out how their mind works. We'll be seeing potential participants during April with a view to start filming early this summer. Participants will be paid for taking part in this programme. Thank you so much for your help with this. If you have any questions or suggestions then please do give me a call. Kind regards, Delyth Scudamore Researcher BBC Factual B Work 029 2032 3382 Mobile 07706 551 783 Room 4020, Broadcasting House, Llandaff, Cardiff, CF5 2YQ [delyth.scudamore@bbc.co.uk](mailto:delyth.scudamore@bbc.co.uk)

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**CAMBRIDGE RECLAIM THE NIGHT - March and Vigil to End Violence Against Women - Cambridge University Women's Union Sunday 3rd May 2009 -** With the conviction rate for rape the lowest it's been for years, and violence against women still affecting hundreds of thousands of women every year, we're taking to the streets to march against violence against women. We're asking all self-defining women to join us for a defiant march through Cambridge, reclaiming public spaces from fear of violence. Assemble 8:30 in Parkers' Piece for a women's march to King's College Chapel, where talks and a vigil open to all genders will start at 9:15pm. Email [womens@cusu.cam.ac.uk](mailto:womens@cusu.cam.ac.uk)

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