



CHRISTIANS · IN · SCIENCE

## Northern Conference 2007

# Big Faith, Big Science – Big Issue: Communication

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2007,  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

St. Nicholas Church,  
Market Place, Durham, DH1 1JP

**Colin Russell** is professor emeritus of History of Science, Technology and Medicine at the Open University and Affiliated Research Scholar at the University of Cambridge Department of History and Philosophy of Science. He is the Chair of the conference.

**Paul Marston** is a senior lecturer at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston where he teaches courses on Christianity, Science and History and philosophy of Science. He is also a Free Methodist lay preacher. His talk is entitled "*Wise as Serpents - Understanding Communication of Truth*".

**Ian Hore-Lacy** is an environmental scientist with a longstanding interest in nuclear energy. He works for both the World Nuclear Association in London and the Uranium Information Centre in Melbourne, Australia. He will speak on "*Presentation and Misrepresentation: Seeking Integrity in Communication*".

**Ray Mathias** is a communications professional and plant biologist who has moved from research in plant biotechnology to public relations, media management, and training. He is a consultant to a number of Research Councils and government agencies. He is also a reader in the Church of England. He will speak on "*Truth; a Still Small Voice in a World of Spin*".

**Andrew Griffiths** works for the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health. He will speak on "*Openness and Democracy: Dealing with Risk*".

**Dale Hanson** is the vicar of St Nics and will deliver an epilogue at the end of the conference.

Christians in Science is a professional Christian group for all who are concerned about science/faith issues. Its aims are:

1. To develop and promote biblical Christian views on the nature, scope and limitations of science, and on the changing interactions between science and faith.
2. To encourage Christians who are engaged in scientific work to maintain an active faith and to apply it in their professional lives.
3. To help Christians who are science students to integrate their religious beliefs and their scientific studies.
4. To bring biblical Christian thought on scientific issues into the public arena.
5. To communicate the Christian gospel within the scientific community.

Please pass on or copy this brochure to others who might like to come. It is also available on the CiS website (<http://www.cis.org.uk>).

## Programme

- 09:30 – 10:00 Registration and bookstall  
 10:00 – 10:10 **Colin Russell:** Welcome and introduction  
 10:10 – 11:00 **Paul Marston:** Wise as serpents - Understanding communication of truth  
 11:00 – 11:20 Coffee/tea break and bookstall  
 11:20 – 12:10 **Ian Hore-Lacy** Presentation and misrepresentation: Seeking integrity in communication  
 12:10 – 13:00 **Ray Mathias:** Truth: a still small voice in a world of spin  
 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch and bookstall  
 14:00 – 14:30 News of CiS local groups etc. (5 minute slots)  
 14:30 – 15:20 **Andrew Griffiths** Openness and democracy: Dealing with risk  
 15:20 – 15:40 Tea/coffee break and bookstall  
 15:40 – 16:30 Discussion groups  
 16:30 – 16:45 Feedback from discussion groups  
 16:45 – 17:00 **Dale Hanson:** Epilogue  
 17:00 – Social event for those who wish to join us!

The conference fee of **£15** (£10 for students) covers a copy of the abstracts, the cost of the conference, the buffet lunch and morning and afternoon refreshments. A few travel bursaries are available for students: details are available on request.

Directions and conference abstracts will be sent out in late February / early March. This will be by email (PDF format) unless you indicate that you prefer correspondence by post.

As far as possible please email [conferencebookings@cis.org.uk](mailto:conferencebookings@cis.org.uk) with the required information and then to confirm the booking please post the form and a cheque made payable to **Christians in Science** to:  
 CiS Northern Conference,  
 28, Gray Avenue, Durham, DH1 5BD

### Booking form for **CiS Northern Conference on Saturday 10th March 2007**

Name (including designation — Mr / Miss / Mrs / Rev / Dr / Professor, etc.)	
Post held / main interest and town/city — for inclusion in the list of conference participants	
Email address —	<i>Tick here if you prefer correspondence by post.</i> _____
Postal address — only required if postal correspondence is requested	
Please tick here if you require vegetarian food _____	
I wish to attend the conference and enclose the full fee of <b>£15</b> / student fee of <b>£10</b>	£
OR I have joined CiS since April 2006 and so am eligible for free registration (enter £0)	£
I wish to make a donation to CiS	£
<b>Total amount enclosed</b> (Please make cheques payable to <i>Christians in Science</i> .)	£

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