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*Communicating Science and Technology  
France and the United Kingdom, Historical Perspectives*

*Modalités de la communication scientifique et technique en France  
et au Royaume-Uni, perspectives historiques*

Convener: Muriel Le Roux, Senior Researcher at the CNRS – MFO with the support of Serge Plattard, Science and Technology Department French Embassy.

Steering Committee: Pr Pietro Corsi, Pr Robert Fox, Oxford University, Dr John Perkins, Dr Viviane Quirke, Oxford Brookes University, Dr Serge Plattard, French Embassy, Pr Luc Borot and Dr Muriel Le Roux, MFO.

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***Presentations will be in English***

## **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

9.00 am - 9.15 am Welcome coffee

9.15 am, Welcome: **Luc Borot**, Director of the Maison Française d'Oxford

9.20 am, **Muriel Le Roux**, Senior Researcher CNRS-MFO, *Introduction*

9.35 am, Chair: **Martine Pecharman**, Senior Researcher CNRS-MFO

9.40 am, **Jeanne Peiffer**, Director of the Centre Koyré, CNRS – Museum d'Histoire Naturelle, *Mathematics and Communication in the Early Modern Period*

*10.20 – 10.35 am Coffee break, at the Maison Française*

10.35 am, **Jean-Luc Chappey**, Maître de conférences, Université Paris 1 - Panthéon-Sorbonne, *Communication and civilisation between Directoire and Empire. Political and intellectual stakes in scientific communication*

11.15 am, **Pietro Corsi**, Professor of the History of Science of the University of Oxford, *Forms and channels of communication in European science during the 19<sup>th</sup> century*

11.55 am, Discussions chaired by **John Perkins**, Oxford Brookes University

*12.30 – 2.00 pm Lunch at the Maison Française*

2.05 pm, Chair: **Sabine Rommevaux**, Senior Researcher, CNRS - President of the Société française d'histoire des sciences et des techniques

2.10 pm, **Peter Collins**, Director of Centre for History of Science of the Royal Society, *The Royal Society and the communication of science*

2.50 pm, **Pierre Etienne Bost**, Délégué général de l'Académie des technologies, *Between science and industry: communicating medical results today*

3.30 pm, **Nicholas Cronk**, Director of the Voltaire Foundation, University of Oxford, *Voltaire and networks of communication, from the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the mission of the Voltaire Foundation*

4.10 pm, Discussion chaired by **Robert Fox**, Professor of the History of Science of the University of Oxford

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

*4.45 pm – 5.00 pm Tea break, at the Maison Française*

5.00 pm **Keynote Lecture** Chaired by Professor **Paul Madden**, FRS FRSE, Provost of Queen's College, Oxford

**Professor Alain Fuchs**, President of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, *Communicating science today: a Franco-British comparison*

6.00 pm, Discussions chaired by Pr **Robert Fox**, University of Oxford

6.45 – 7.00 pm Thanks: **Dr Serge Plattard**, Science and Technology Counsellor, French Embassy

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

9.00 am, Welcome: Pr **Luc Borot**, Director of the Maison Française d'Oxford

9.05 am Chair: Dr **Viviane Quirke**, Oxford Brookes University and Secretary of the British Society for the History of Science

9.10 am, **Georgina Ferry**, Journalist - Science Writer, *Communicating science and science communication: examples from 20<sup>th</sup> century structural biology in Britain*

9.45 am, **Pascal Griset**, Professor, Université de Paris IV - Sorbonne *From communication to strategy: three Cases of French research centres CNRS, IFREMER, INRIA*

10.20 am, **Julie Bouchard**, Maître de conférences, Université Paris 13, LabSic, *When media rank universities: the case of Le Monde de l'Education in France (1976-1996)*

*10.55 am - 11. 10 am Coffee break, at the Maison Française*

11.10 am, **Daniel Benamouzig**, Senior Researcher CNRS-MFO, *Technology, communication and assessment*

11.45 am, Discussions chaired by **John Perkins**, Oxford Brookes University

12.00 **Keynote Lecture** chaired by **Pietro Corsi**, Professor of the History of Science of the University of Oxford

**Professor David Edgerton**, Hans Rausing Chair, Imperial College  
*Communicating and propagandising about science and society:  
British scientific intellectuals 1930-1970*

12.50 am, Discussions chaired by Pr **Pietro Corsi**, University of Oxford

1.10 pm, **Muriel Le Roux, Pietro Corsi, Robert Fox, John Perkins, Viviane Quirke**, Presentation of the forthcoming conference in Paris

*1.15 pm - Lunch at the Maison Française*