



Nottingham hosts international scientists at top Laboratory Show

Leading science academics and entrepreneurs from around the world will be in Nottingham from Monday 23rd May to visit research projects and attend the 2016 Scientific Laboratory Show and Conference at the EMCC on Wednesday 25th May. Organised by Scientific Laboratory Supplies (SLS) and The Science Council, the 80 representatives from Africa, China, the Gulf States and Ireland will visit the University of Nottingham, School of Biosciences in Sutton Bonington, enjoy an evening at The Galleries of Justice, and join guests for a Gala Dinner before the main conference.

"Working Together to Advance UK Science" conference and show is expected to draw over 1,000 delegates to hear from leaders in science innovation, professional career development, STEM work in schools and the latest laboratory technology. Writer and broadcaster Vivienne Parry OBE will host the line-up of speakers including Professor Ian Campbell, Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Hertfordshire - 'Science Behind Sport'; Belinda Phipps, CEO of the Science Council - 'Trust and Professionalism in Science', Mark Hirst, of the Open Science Laboratory at The Open University - 'Science at a distance: from broadcasting to the bench' and Peter Barham, Professor Emeritus, University of Bristol, and panellist for BBC Radio 4's Kitchen Cabinet - 'Cooking with Science: a restaurant revolution'.

Speaking ahead of this year's event, SLS Operations Director Peter Lister says: "Nottingham should be proud of its success and reputation as a world centre of scientific excellence. Our international guests will be able to meet and exchange ideas with experts in many different fields, and will head away with a lasting impression of a lively city and innovative life sciences industry."

Belinda Phipps, CEO of The Science Council adds: "Although our work is primarily UK-focussed, we share a passion for professional excellence with our international colleagues, wherever they work. I am looking forward to explaining how this is achieved through my

presentation, and in follow-up discussions with other delegates and guest speakers. Future scientific innovation depends on the thorough and robust application of the very best ideas.”

To celebrate the impact laboratory-based science has on lives around the globe, Show organisers have launched a campaign to chronicle the ‘History of the Laboratory in Ten Objects’. Anyone with a passion for science can nominate the object they feel has had the greatest impact on lab-based scientific research over the last 200 years. Nominations are being posted online www.scientificlaboratoryshow.com or via Twitter @SciLabShow #SciLabShow2016 #10LabObjects. The top ten nominated objects will go into the Show’s ‘Hall of Fame’ on 25th May, and delegates will be asked to vote for their Number One object during the show and conference.

The Laboratory Show & Conference is sponsored by Corning and Eppendorf, and marks the launch of the 2016 SLS Catalogue. An invitation-only Gala Dinner at The Orchard Hotel on 24th May is followed by the Conference which is open to both customers of SLS and visitors.