

The Royal Society - Towards a Scientific and Societal Agenda on Extra-Terrestrial Life

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This beautiful Georgian country house, set in 80 acres, oozing tranquillity, was an idyllic and suitably impressive location for the grand theme of the Royal Society's satellite meeting on the 4th and 5th of October 2010, organised by Dr Martin Dominik, University of St Andrews and Professor John Zarnecki, from The Open University.

Speakers and panellists were drawn from various countries, fields and groups, including SETI, NASA, Space Law, Geochemistry, Ecology, Planetary Sciences, Astronomy, Theology, Literature, History, Microwave sciences, Anthropology, Archaeology Linguist specialists, Space Technology, Evolutionary Developmental Systems Theorists, to name some, and I am sure I have not covered all the disciplines gathered. Some delegates also came from related areas such as Astrobiology. I was there as an observer, under the flag of Exopolitics, <http://www.exopolitics.org>

founded by Dr. Michael Salla PhD., 2005, to address serious questions arising from the social, diplomatic, political, economical and technical implications of an extra terrestrial presence on Earth, a field gaining ground world wide; the UK node is run by David Griffin <http://www.exopolitics.org.uk>

The UN presence was conspicuous in the petite form of Astrophysicist, Professor Mazlan Othman, whose role as Head of the 'Office for Outer Space Affairs,' (UNOOSA) made an impact, drawing some controversy from a brief flurry of press attention when a story appearing on the 26/27th September in The Sunday Times, Sunday Telegraph, and Fox News mooted that she would announce her forthcoming new role as chief alien ambassador. It seems her comments, asserting that we should be prepared for knowledge of ET's presence acted as a gateway for this idea, which she, in jocular tone, categorically denied in a quip that topped and tailed her brief talk saying that she was not the contact for ET. Her talk gave nothing to the ET idea, rather to say that there were perhaps one or two bodies, who could possibly be candidates in terms of point of dissemination for information, like COSPAR (Committee

On Space Research EST. 1958) or CUPUOS (Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space est. 1958), as well as flagging up protocols that needed to be adhered to in getting material or presentations to the UN. And at least Professor Othman appeared open minded to a colleague's question of whether or not she and the panel would be interested in knowing about

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the work of Exopolitics (though I can't recall if that word was specifically used), and Professor Othman, who said she had not heard of it, said she would be interested, I hope it was not an empty response.

The overall theme of the latter part of the first day, was much in the vein of a SETI pitching seminar, with various people stating the case for a bigger and better SETI, with presentations showing how far SETI can go in education and merchandising, but little was made of the fact that in the 50 years since SETI began, there has been zero success in obtaining any signals that suggest ET is alive or anywhere at all, in the mind boggling reaches of the universes. The lack of big and powerful enough telescopes was cited, though it is expected the new Allen Telescope Array would be successful, but the dilemma if they find a signal, who would be responsible for contact protocol? (No one seemed to think physical contact a possibility). Further, the overarching language used in referencing contact, followed Stephen Hawking's lead in fearing for the fate of humanity, using human behaviour as a template. Risk perception, how do we deal with it? That 'monster type, aggressive ET's can live anywhere, another, a personal nightmare would be ET's superiority, another said there is 'more danger from asteroids than from an ET invasion,' whilst some might contact humanity via technology, intelligent machines.

No one in this meeting was asking whether ET had eluded their scopes, and was possibly already visiting Earth, let alone interacting with human processes, and from my own investigations, it is, without a doubt, from the clear mountain of evidence and ongoing public revelations, that this scenario is nothing less than a fact, shocking as that may be to some.

I don't know how such a myopic world view can possibly hold water when we have so much material, how many elephants can we fit into this mindset? We have an official document, the Cometa Report (France 1999) <http://netowne.com/ufos/important/cometa.htm>, emanating from the Institute of Higher Studies for National Defence, where serious study was done that included Generals, surmising that the implications for ET reality is huge, that increased sightings that cannot be explained, are likely the UFO hypothesis...there is the evidence of testimony from scientists and military personnel presented at The National Press Club in 2001, known as 'The Disclosure Project' (Dr Steven Greer 2001)

<http://www.disclosureproject.org/>

. There was Canadian, Wilbert B. Smith, head of Canada's Radio/Frequency Regulations, who came to know the reality of ET, working with US authorities in the 1950s, from which came a memo, saying; 'subject was classified 'higher than the H-bomb' and that 'Flying Saucers exist.'

[http://www.disclose.tv/action/viewvideo/26032/Wilbert B Smith 1958 Ottawa Address/](http://www.disclose.tv/action/viewvideo/26032/Wilbert_B_Smith_1958_Ottawa_Address/)

The Affidavit of Walter G Haut stationed in Roswell Air base, revealed at his death, (died 2005), that in 1947, he was ordered to prepare a press release stating that the air force (US) had recovered a flying disc, (later retracted), and that he had seen bodies and the disc. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter_Haut

. USAF Airman Milton Torres, based in the UK 1957, told to shoot down a UFO

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article4974540.ece>

. The Rendlesham Forest Incident of 1980/81 is well documented with first hand witness and real time audio recordings as a UFO was observed by military command.

<http://rendlesham-incident.co.uk/>

And, if we need a further smoking gun, then the Starchild Skull is on the verge of giving up its DNA secrets, which will, if all indications are correct, prove absolutely that 'dad' was not of human origin.

<http://www.starchildproject.com/>

(Lloyd Pye project director.)

I met with Professor John Elliot of Leeds Metropolitan University UK, reader in Intelligence Engineering and member of the International Academy of Astronautics, SETI Permanent Study Group and Post Detection Task Force. His field includes computation modelling of communication encompassing multidimensional aspects as well as decipherment of an ET signal to manage dissemination and social impact. I thought his sphere would be appropriate to broach another area of research linked with ET communications. I asked him if he would be willing to look at and feed back his opinions on communications received in the form of languages and scripts by various people, from their interaction with ET. He responded in the affirmative, though was unaware of such material. He was similarly intrigued by the Starchild skull, also mentioned in a question by my colleague, Belinda McKenzie to a panel, as to their openness to hear about results from full DNA analysis when available, so hopefully we will have contributed in some small way. On another tack, I have to say, relieved to hear Professor Frans von der Dunk (University of Nebraska-Lincoln, College of Law) say that no one can own the moon legally, that it is not possible, even though there are one or two parties who have made a fortune out of selling leases of plots on the moon.

Another often reiterated notion during the meeting, that space travel is too expensive; with the current outmoded system, this is true. But since the early 1900's we have had, with Nikola Tesla's discoveries of how to tap into 'Radiant Energy', knowledge of a wireless, abundant and virtually free technology, and we would have been very different technologically today, had humanity been allowed it, instead of it being scuppered by JP Morgan, unable to see how he could charge for it. But we now have another opportunity more than 80 years on, to realise a similar type of alternative energy system in the form of the SEG (Searl Effect Generator) which UK Professor John Searl first created in 1946 as a boy of 14. His test models in the 1960/70's went to Australia and New York in 30 minutes, and he says the moon should take about an

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hour. There is currently a new movement in place in the US to bring this technology to fruition, if funding prevails, which would absolutely negate any problems in the near future for all our power needs, including travel into our solar system as well as in time, intergalactic travel.

I do wonder, with the call for people to join the NASA funded Focus Group, in 'workshops without walls', apparently open to all, whether groups like Exopolitics would be welcome with the diametrically opposite standpoint that ET is already a reality. If the science community is willing to be all embracing, whether articles have been peer-reviewed, or gone through the unwieldy process of admittance, or being seen as viable and valuable from their point of view, then maybe we do stand a chance of a holistic, integrated, useful outcome, we will creep toward that 'gradual increase in legitimacy, but this needs to be accelerated - and frankly, I doubt this will be the happen any time soon, but I stand to be corrected. Time will tell.