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The ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum:

Led by Professor Steve Yearley and based at the University of Edinburgh, the Forum is part of the ESRC's Genomics Network (EGN), a £12 million investment examining the numerous aspects of the social and economic significance of genomics. The EGN ranges across six universities and involves over a hundred researchers, PhD students and support staff, as well as a rotating cast of visiting research fellows.

The Forum is working to integrate and connect the diverse strands of EGN research with policy makers in the UK and abroad, as well as business, the media and civil society. We also seek to develop links between social and natural scientists working on genomics in areas as diverse as GM crops and food, animal genetics and embryonic stem cell research.

www.genomicsforum.ac.uk

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CACCAVALE/GENTRY/SPOONER/VEDRAL



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MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2006, 5.30PM
TALBOT RICE GALLERY
UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

The Event:

Drinks and conversation led by host Alistair Gentry and his guests, who will be discussing the ways in which creative professionals work with scientists or are inspired by scientific ideas, and what this process is like for the scientists themselves.

The Host:

Alistair Gentry is an artist and writer. He's currently artist in residence at the ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum, University of Edinburgh, and is working on a film inspired by genomic science. His work includes novels, stories, performances and films for broadcast and installation, all of which often incorporate themes from ancient folklore or contemporary myth, and use imagery based on quasi-scientific ideas. He's also a board member and editor of the new fiction website pulp.net. Previous commissions include an animated film on human behaviour in shopping malls for Channel 4 Television, a fake Mars landing broadcast live on the internet, and a documentary film about life in a Chinese school.

www.alistairgentry.demon.co.uk

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His Guests:

Artist Elio Caccavale collaborates with scientists, social scientists and ethicists to explore emerging technologies and the effects that they might have on our lives. Elio is currently associate lecturer on the product design course at Central Saint Martin's College of Art and Design. He's also been visiting lecturer to the Architectural Association and on the Interaction Design course at the Royal College of Art. His artistic projects include conceptual products designed for the care and psychological wellbeing of xenotransplantation pigs and the patient who will utilise their organs, as well as a range of toys exploring the emergence of biological hybrids and transgenic organisms.

www.eliocaccavale.com

Jon Spooner is Artistic Director of Unlimited Theatre. Like its predecessors (*Zero Degrees and Drifting* and Edinburgh Fringe First winner *Neutrino*), their latest production *Tangle* makes connections between ideas from the conceptual edges of science and heartfelt human stories. *Tangle* is a dense, multi-layered and funny play about teleportation and quantum physics, framed by a transatlantic detective story and the interpersonal entanglements of four people all searching for something or someone they have lost. It also features the Wombles.

www.unlimited.org.uk

For this project Unlimited worked with Vlatko Vedral, Professor of Quantum Information Science at the University of Leeds. He heads the Quantum Information Group and specializes in quantum mechanics and information theory. He has published papers on particle entanglement and geometric quantum computation, and authored the book *Modern Foundations of Quantum Optics*. He's previously held academic positions at Oxford University and Imperial College, and visiting positions in Vienna and Waterloo. Listeners to BBC Radio Leeds can *Ask Vlatko About Science* live every Tuesday afternoon.

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