



# THE EXPLORER

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## WELCOME TO THE EXPLORER

*Gratitude is the music of the heart,*

*when its chords are swept by the breeze of kindness. (Unknown)*

As we approach 2012, turbulence and chaos on our planet seem inevitable, to include within the SSE organization. But we have much to be thankful about. As you know our President Bill Bengston was in a serious condition this Fall. Here is his brief report: "One week after winning a tennis tournament in late September, I suddenly had the "perfect storm" confluence of double pneumonia, collapsed lungs, and a blocked coronary artery. The medical cause remains a mystery. After coming out of an induced coma, my recovery has been described as "astounding," and equally mysterious. Many, many thanks for everyone's well wishes during my hospitalization and recuperation". And we are grateful for Bill's miraculous and quick recovery.

We are also grateful for the generous financial contributions and moral support we received during our serious financial crisis. Members contributed a total over the \$20,000 campaign goal that was needed to save the SSE. Thank you.

From turbulence emerges creative solutions and novel concepts; and so, a new SSE "sister" organization has been launched: The Institute for Scientific Exploration (ISE). Read the announcement in this issue of The Explorer. We are excited about the potential impact ISE could have the development of very innovative services and technologies that will benefit people and society worldwide.

The 2012 European Meeting will be held in the mystical environment of Ireland, just north of Dublin. The venue is a lovely manor house within walking distance to the beach where attendees will explore the domains of: Mapping Time, Mind, and Space. More details and the Call for Papers are featured in this issue.

As you read through this issue, you will find numerous announcements and other interesting news articles written by our fellow members, to include Henry Bauer's tribute to David Moncrief's work as Book Review Editor for the last ten years. Mahadeva Srinivasan writes about the latest technology in cold fusion and Rossi's *eCat* that has been described as "the greatest scientific discovery of all human history". Don't miss Dave Leiter's SSE business card!

We also express our gratitude to the team of Boulder volunteers who worked hard to make our 2011 Annual Meeting such a success.

Wishing everyone Happy Holidays with good health and happiness for 2012.

*Dominique Surel, Editor Email: lumierebl@aol.com*

## LETTER FROM OUR SSE PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow SSE Members:

Tired of trying to figure out that perfect holiday gift? As we gear up for the holiday season, let me offer you a self-serving suggestion. Consider giving a gift of

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## ANNUAL SSE 2011 MEETING

*The June Boulder Meeting attracted a record attendance and a record number for ticketing to the Red Rocks Park.*



*The Sunshine Room*

SSE membership to a friend or colleague. It's only \$75 for a membership with online journal access! What a gift! We've even set up a "give a gift membership" category on the website ([www.scientificexploration.org/join/](http://www.scientificexploration.org/join/)) to make your giving easy.

If you're like most in the SSE, you very likely know someone who has been on the sidelines, sometimes expressing an opinion about one scientific anomaly or another. In their day jobs they may function as traditional academics or in a wide variety of industries, and then hidden in the shadows pursue non-traditional scientific interests without the benefit of a society with its informational and networking support. They may accept the reality of a particular anomalous phenomenon; they may be diehard skeptics. No matter...either would benefit greatly from an SSE membership. Help get them "off the bench" and into the SSE mix.

I know that's the way I ended up joining the SSE in 1999. A friend told me about the SSE, and convinced a skeptical me into submitting a paper on my healing research at the annual conference. I vividly remember calling home after my first day at the conference, excitedly trying to describe the presentations and the people I had met on that first day. I wasn't alone in my interests! I felt both relief and a sense of camaraderie that I had never before experienced in a scientific society. Since that time I've brought in a number of new members who were in the same boat as me. I urge you to do the same. A gift membership can be transformative for your friend or colleague.

There has never been a better time to be a member. As you will see in this issue of the Explorer, exciting things are happening in the SSE. In addition to our already existing member benefits of our flagship Journal of Scientific Exploration, our popular magazine EdgeScience, reduced fees for our annual conference, and the Explorer newsletter, there are incredible networking opportunities, both nationally and locally. Now, largely through the initiative of our treasurer, John Reed, the Institute for Scientific Exploration (ISE) has been launched (<http://instituteforscientificexploration.org>), giving SSE members exciting new opportunities for research (see John's announcement in this issue).

The annual conference is on the drawing boards. Tom Dykstra and his program committee, Adam Curry and Luke Hendricks, have been busy working on themes and invited speakers. A call for papers for the June 21-23 meeting in Boulder will be going out soon. Mark your calendars, and plan on coming to the meeting with your friend or colleague.

For all of us at the SSE, here's wishing you a wonderful 2012!

Sincerely,

Bill Bengston, SSE President

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## The Institute for Scientific Exploration (ISE)

### Is Launched

*A new professional research organization, known as the Institute for Scientific Exploration (ISE) was officially launched on December 1, 2011.*

ISE will be a "sister organization" to SSE, but is an independent 501(c)(3), tax exempt organization headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, near the Johns Hopkins Medical Center, with a Western Branch in Evergreen, Colorado. The ISE website may be accessed at <http://instituteforscientificexploration.org>, which has



*Below: Welcome desk*



## RED ROCKS OUTING



*Above: Red Rocks Amphitheatre with view of Denver*



detailed information on all aspects of ISE.

John Reed, M.D., Dominique Surel, Ph.D., and Richard Blasband, M.D. provided all of the money and the intense labor required to get ISE up and running in just a few months.

The primary mission of ISE is to conduct ground-breaking research on alternative medical therapies, scientific anomalies, and other unexplained phenomena. But in addition, based on research findings, ISE plans to develop novel services and technologies that will benefit people, government agencies, corporations, and other organizations and institutions that serve society.

As a “sister organization” to the Society for Scientific Exploration, ISE will provide a number of valuable benefits to SSE members, each of whom will be given the automatic status of “Research Associate” in ISE, and to others who may wish to become part of ISE outside of SSE. These benefits include the following: 1) Research grant and funding services, 2) Resume enhancement benefits, 3) Journal article publishing benefits, 4) Compensation benefits, 5) Resources for Researchers and 6) General benefits to SSE

**1. Research Grant and Funding Service:** With this service, ISE will provide a vehicle for all of its Directors and Research Associates to make grant applications to funding agencies of all kinds. Almost all foundations, government agencies, and corporate grant making bodies require that the official recipient of a grant be a nonprofit organization. This makes it very difficult for individuals to apply directly for or receive grants of any kind on their own, and requires them to apply through some nonprofit organization with which they are associated.

This service has already proven its value to SSE members, before ISE was even officially launched. We are happy to report that in early November, SSE Council member, Dr. Glen Rein, was awarded a \$5,000.00 grant via ISE by the Yoga Science Foundation, headed by Scott V. Anderson, M.D., in Ukiah, CA. Dr. Anderson’s foundation made the grant to Dr. Rein so that he could continue his research in quantum biology, and to update his well known book on that subject.

In addition to the above, ISE grant and funding services will also be of value to SSE members who are graduate students or professors at colleges and universities, through which they would normally apply for grants. In such cases, a professor may be unable or unwilling to apply for grants through their college or university because of the subject matter of their proposed study. This could be due to potential criticism, derision, ostracism, or other reasons. For example, no professor or graduate student would probably ever dare apply for a grant to study anti-gravity through their university astronomy or physics departments. But they would certainly be welcome to do so through ISE.

**2. Resume-Curriculum Vitae (CV) Enhancement Benefits:** Being an ISE Director or Research Associate bestows a professional position upon people, and they can note that position on their resume or CV, on business cards, letterheads, on job applications, or in other appropriate places. This benefit will be of particular value to many, including college graduate students, undergraduate students, people who have quit, been laid off, or fired from a job and don’t want embarrassing gaps in their resumes, retirees who may want to continue to work and/or maintain their resume, and perhaps people in many other situations. Although all SSE members are automatically given the status of ISE “Research Associate”, directorships require formal application and qualifications to be



*It was a hot day!*



appointed, and people who are not, or do not want to become SSE members also have to apply and pay a fee equal to the full membership dues in SSE.

This will complement SSE Council member Dave Leiter's idea of having SSE business cards to pass out, and will enable all members now to show a truly professional position on their business card of which they can be proud.

**3. Publishing Services Benefits:** ISE will provide publishing opportunities to all of its Directors and Research Associates through the journals associated with each ISE division. ISE will enable their articles and papers to be published with much less fear of rejection and much shorter waiting periods than are typical with other journals. This will enable ISE researchers to publish articles on anomalies, unexplained phenomena, novel ideas and devices, controversial subjects, and any other subject that might be summarily rejected by standard journal editors and "peers." In addition, this will enable researchers to establish the "primacy" of their ideas and research. Dr. Reed reports that a number of people have already approached him about publishing in these journals.

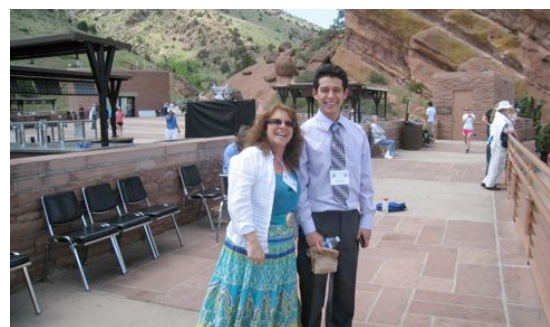
**4. Compensation and Recruiting Commissions:** Because the Institute for Scientific Exploration is a new research institute, Directors and Research Associates of ISE will, for a period of time, be officially considered to be volunteers and not employees. This will last until such time as the ISE is able to begin paying regular salaries to directors and research associates, or contracting with them as independent contractors.

However, in the meantime, ISE Directors and Research Associates will be paid a \$20.00 commission for every Research Associate that they are able to recruit directly to ISE. Dr. Reed reports that a number of Chinese and Indian physician colleagues whom he has told about ISE and SSE have shown an interest in become Research Associates and recruiting in their home countries. This is a positive development, since SSE has long wanted to expand its presence and membership in Asia, and many of the people recruited in those and other areas may want to become Research Associates via SSE.

So let's get on our Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, blogs, mailing lists, discussion groups, and other social networking sites and tell everyone about SSE and ISE and help make this "go viral." Commissions will be paid even if recruiting is done by social networking, and further details on these commissions are available on the ISE website.

**5. Resources for Researchers:** ISE will provide its directors and research associates with a large amount of valuable information to enhance the quality of their research and article publications. These resources can be accessed via the "Resources for Researchers" section at the bottom of the ISE home page, as well as other pages. This includes information and links on: 1) How to apply for grants and funding and major funding sources; 2) How to design and conduct quality scientific research; 3) Step-by-step procedures on how to write a scientific paper and get it published quickly; 4) Comprehensive bibliographies on anomalies subjects (in progress); and 5) A comprehensive online encyclopedia of anomalies and unexplained phenomena that covers thousands of people and subjects that Wikipedia will either not allow, or whose skeptic censors frequently change to fit their views of the world (in progress). Additional resources are also planned.

**6. General Benefits to SSE:** In addition to providing the above specific benefits to SSE members, ISE can also benefit SSE, as a whole: Firstly, the additional benefits that SSE members will enjoy as Research Associates in ISE may induce more people to join SSE, as well as, increase retention of member and reduce



## BOULDER SSE VOLUNTEER TEAM

Organizing an SSE Annual Meeting is not an easy task and it would not be successful without a dedicated and hard-working team of volunteers. When we ran out of bus seating because members decided last minute to join in the fun the outing, many of the volunteers took their own cars and drove the members to Red Rocks. The combination of their competence and high spirit was so much appreciated.

A big thank you to each of you:

Phil Catalano and his team: Lorain Burger, Don Daniels, Bill Eagles, Shirley Morgan, Paul Sperr, Susie Jo Taylor, Kathleen Wills, Tom Zamir



dropouts. Secondly, ISE will be able to make direct monetary grants to SSE, as finances permit, in order to improve and enhance SSE.

### ISE Structure

The Institute for Scientific Exploration is currently composed of divisions that cover all areas of anomalies and unexplained phenomena. The names of each division are listed on the right side of the ISE website pages, and by clicking on those links, you will be taken to the web page for each division. The division pages give details about each division, the departments that make up that division, the anomalies and unexplained phenomena that those departments cover, and some of the publications that will be available for the Directors and Research Associates to publish in. These journals will enable relatively quick publication of research findings and developmental progress with few of the traditional impediments to publication.

Each ISE division is headed by a director, and is composed of a number of departments that are responsible for carrying out research and development projects related to specific anomalies and unexplained phenomena. Each department also has a departmental director, along with a number of Research Associates (RA's) who conduct research or field investigations, engage in technology development, or are engaged in other activities.

Because ISE is a new organization, it is seeking directors to head the various divisions, departments, and other areas needing directors. If you are interested in being a director of any of the divisions or departments, or being a national director for a given country, please go to the ISE Director Application page and fill out the short application at:

<http://instituteforscientificexploration.org/directors-application/>

### Member Participation to Create Dynamism in ISE

ISE would like to encourage all members of SSE to participate in ISE in some way, by engaging in direct research, field investigations, collaborations, or by providing ideas and suggestions to make ISE and SSE truly dynamic organizations. For this purpose, ISE has provided a "Projects Wanted" button on the ISE home page, as well as, a link to a Comments and Suggestions" box.

Do you have a research project that you have thought about before and would like to initiate yourself, collaborate on, or to see started by others, or is there an ongoing ISE project that you would like to participate in or contribute to? If so just click on the "Projects Wanted" button and let us know what projects you are interested in or would like to be part of.

Your ideas and suggestions for research projects are very important. We realize that you may not wish to or be able to conduct research yourself for a variety of reasons. So please do not hesitate to provide us with your research ideas and suggestions, and we will try our best to find someone in ISE or SSE who is interested in working on your suggestion. Working together we can make both ISE and SSE more dynamic and successful organizations.




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## SSE LOCAL CHAPTERS

### New York/Long Island & Columbia

Bill Bengston has started new local chapter of SSE for NY/Long Island and he is also starting a chapter with Columbia graduate students next semester. Contact Bill Bengston at [wbengston@sjcny.edu](mailto:wbengston@sjcny.edu).

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### Boulder/Denver

*This growing chapter held a meeting on December 9 that was so well attended a bigger room was needed for the 55 attendees*

*Photos Below: The December Meeting*



**Boulder SSE  
Member Paul  
Sperry speaking  
about: Journeys to  
Earth's Energy  
Points**

## SSE Fundraising Drive Surpasses Goal of \$20,000

By John Reed, Treasurer

*We are happy to report that the recent fundraising drive to address the serious SSE budgetary crisis in October has been a great success and has reached the figure of \$20,610.00 as of December 16, 2011.*

We would like to give a huge "Thank You!!" to all of those who made donations in response to this appeal. Your generosity will enable SSE to continue on, and hopefully, with the new and exciting programs, such as ISE, we will be able to grow and avoid such crises in the future. But we would also like to thank those who had made donations prior to the October appeal, and helped to reduce the severity of the crisis we faced.

We would like to acknowledge all of those who have made donations in 2011 and have helped save SSE, by showing their names alphabetically in the donation categories, below:

**\$1000-\$5,000:** Marsha Adams, Richard Adams, Anonymous, Robert Bobrow, Steve Braude, Walter Cruttenden, Richard Con Henry (\$5,000), John Knowles, Dave Leiter, John Reed, Peter Sturrock, Chantal Toporow, and Michael Turner;

**\$500-\$999:** John Bockris, Bill Beaty, York Dobyns, Jack Houck, Hans-Adam Liechtenstein, Francis McCabe, Jeremy Stafford-Dietsch, Mark Urban-Lurain, and Hans Wendt;

**\$200-\$499:** George Bekey, Daryl Bem, Richard Blasband, Madeleine Briskin, Eunice Brock, Marian Condon, Riccardo Cuminetti, James Deardorff, Jeremy Drake, Kurt Dressler, Gregory Elbring, Goran Johansson, William Kautz, St. John Kelliher, Jon Mannsaker, Garret Moddel, Peter Moddel, Robert Narholz, Christopher Parry, Fredric Pement, Rolf Renker, Doug and Karen Richards, Walter Semkiw, Erling Strand, David Swift, Larry Travis, and Sandy Wiener;

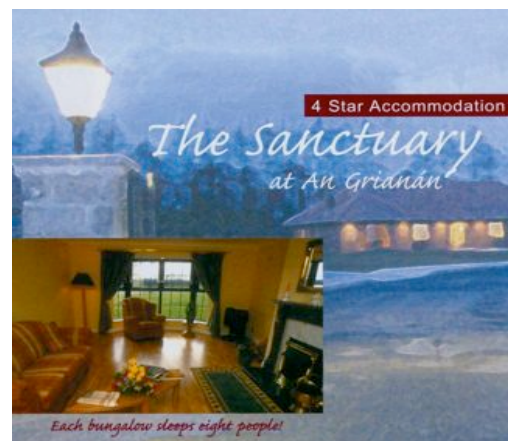
**\$100-\$199:** Kenny Arnette, Burke Brown, Imants Barušs, Robert Brueck, Jim Butenaerts, Christopher Foyle, Larry Fredrick, Larry Galen, Graham Hubbard, Ezio Insinna, Andre Jeannin, Yury Kronn, Michael McBeath, Roger Nelson, Nesrin Oszarac, Jean Ratte, John Ringer, Samuel Sandweiss, Richard Shoup, Rudolph Smit, Slawomir Smyl, William Spillman, Arthur Steuart, David Stork, Roger Taylor, Nicolaus Tideman, Sandra Tofflemire, Paul Wendland, and Michael Yurovitsky;

**\$10 to \$99:** Norman Allentoff, Hale Brownlee, Schera Chadwick, Don Donderi, Alan Gauld, Dale Graff, Nuzhat Haneef, Bob Hardy, Richard Hartung, George Holz, Gary Johnson, Pierre Kaufmann, John LaFollette, David Magnan, Richard D. Mann, Milton Marunich, Carl Medwedeff, Victor Milian, Margaret Moga, Tor Soren Nordmark, Rosemarie Pilkington, Robert Schutz, Joseph Sitter, Michal Teplan, Phillip Warren, and Robert Wilson.



## 2012 EUROPEAN MEETING

October 18 – 21 Ireland



### Drogheda location



An Grianán is located on the coast road between Baltray and Termonfechin - 5 miles from Drogheda which is 35 miles north of Dublin.



*Above: The Manor House*

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## 2012 EUROPEAN MEETING - IRELAND

October 18 - 21

### Mapping Time, Mind and Space

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

An Grianán Adult Education College, Termonfechin, Drogheda, Ireland

*This is a call for papers to members of the Society for Scientific Exploration, for the above joint conference.*

The interests of both the SMN and SSE overlap to a fair degree, and in view of that we felt it was past time that we held a joint conference.

The Scientific and Medical Network (SMN) is an interdisciplinary networking forum and educational charity exploring science, medicine, philosophy and spirituality. It hosts conferences, dialogues and talks in the UK and in Europe. <http://www.scimednet.org>

To that end, this conference is being planned in the delightful location of the Drogheda area of Ireland, a short distance from the great, World Heritage, megalithic monuments of the Boyne Valley.

Invited speakers for the conference are: Rupert Sheldrake, Bernard Carr, Brenda Dunne, Bob Jahn, and Paul Devereux.

If members wish to submit a short paper for consideration, please send a title and an abstract of up to 200 words, to: [p.wadhams@damtp.cam.ac.uk](mailto:p.wadhams@damtp.cam.ac.uk). (Please be sure to include your name and email contact!)

Aim at a presentation of up to 30 minutes and please ensure that your subject matter can be accommodated within the broad theme of the conference – for example, suitable aspects of subject areas such as archaeoastronomy, archaeology, mythology and folklore, neuroscience, physics, psychology and parapsychology, sacred geography, etc.

If your abstract is accepted you will be asked to send in an electronic version of your paper prior to the conference so that proceedings can be prepared and available electronically in time for the event. (Each delegate at the event will be given a key so that they can access the proceedings via the website.)

**Please send in your abstract by or before the 15th April 2012.**

The Euro SSE-part program committee consists of:

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There is a bus service from Dublin Airport to Drogheda which costs €5.00 each way. A taxi from Drogheda to the venue would be €14.00, but if we can group people together, that would be a cost shared. There will be more info about transport closer to the date of the meeting.

An Grianán, the first residential adult education centre in Ireland, is a charming manor house between long sandy beaches (there are even paths leading to the beach!) and the Boyne Valley. It's roots are the Irish Countrywomen's Association - the oldest and largest women's association in Ireland. The ICA movement started in 1910 with the foundation of the Society of the United Irishwomen but assumed its present moniker in 1935 in keeping with the changing political climate.

*Below: A break-out room*



An Grianán means 'the sunny place'. Built in the late 18th century, it retains the essence of those times in its primarily Georgian composition. The core of the original building remains intact, including a beautiful skylight in the main hallway marvelously and tastefully preserved. The perfectly manicured grounds that complete the 58-acre site also allude to time long since passed.

*Below: The Dining Hall*



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## SSE Social Networking Outreach Committee (SNOC) Wants to Identify Online Anomalies Organization for SSE Outreach, Collaboration, and Publicity

*John Reed, chairman of the SSE Initiatives Committee is setting up a new Social Networking and Outreach Committee (SNOC) in order to identify all online organizations and blogs with an interest in anomalies and paranormal subjects.*

There are literally hundreds of online groups and blogs interested in these subjects, and SNOC is seeking SSE members who would like to help identify the email addresses and website addresses of these organization and blogs, so that SSE members can send them news articles about SSE, ISE, and their activities.

A search of Yahoo Groups with the single word “paranormal” produces over 4,000 groups, varying in size from 1 to 5,000 members. A search of Google Groups produces 788 such groups, and I am sure there are hundreds of other anomalies and paranormal groups in Facebook, LinkedIn, and the dozens of other social networking site group sections. In addition, a search of the blog search engine, Technorati.com produces a list of over 1,000 blogs on paranormal subjects.

These groups and blogs are all potential places where SSE members, almost all of whom are members of at least one of the above mentioned groups, can mention and tell others about SSE and ISE, and the exciting things we are doing to further anomalies research, publishing, and the development of useful services and products. But in addition to that, these online groups and blogs would be a source where SSE can send official “news releases” and other articles telling about SSE and ISE and their activities. But we have to have their names, emails, and websites, in order to do that.

**So if you can do anything to help with this project, please contact John at [joreed43@yahoo.com](mailto:joreed43@yahoo.com) or call him at 443-858-0757.**

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## Cold Fusion Goes Commercial

*Contributed by SSE member Mahadeva Srinivasan*

*Email: [Chino37@gmail.com](mailto:Chino37@gmail.com)*

*“An amazing technology has been developed in Italy which has been described as the greatest scientific discovery of all human history. Although shunned by most mainstream media - an army of enthusiasts have created websites, blogs, forums and videos discussing every stage of its development – while thousands are following this discovery on social networks.*

*For the first time in human history - energy – heat and power - have been produced in abundant quantities at an insignificant cost without pollution. For the first time energy can be obtained cleanly and cheaply without burning fossil fuels, without nuclear power and without renewables – genuinely portable, free, green energy.*

*The book [Rossi's eCat](#) by John Michell tells the story of how this energy source was discovered, developed by inventor Andrea Rossi, how it challenges modern science and what the consequences for mankind could be. This is a discovery which heralds nothing less than the start of a new era – the year 0 PR (Post-Rossi).”*

Members of the SSE are fully conversant with the checkered history of Cold Fusion. The winter 2009 issue of JSE (Vol. 23, No.4) was fully devoted to this controversial topic and carried half a dozen reviews and a dozen Extended

## WANTED: Members with WordPress & Social Networking Experience

The new Institute for Scientific Exploration (ISE) website, //instituteforscientificexploration.org is made available on the internet using WordPress. In order to help reduce costs, ISE is seeking any SSE members who are familiar with WordPress who would like to help maintain, add to, or otherwise improve the ISE website. Adam is an expert with WordPress, but he is already overburdened with SSE duties and other activities. In addition, ISE needs to set up Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and other social networking accounts.

So if any of you can provide help or just advice about WordPress or any of these social networking sites, please contact the ISE executive director, John Reed at: [isereasearch51@gmail.com](mailto:isereasearch51@gmail.com), or call 443-858-0757.

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## WANTED

*For Possible Conference Discussion:*

Physicists and/or physiologists who think the accumulation of myriad wireless electronic transmissions could possibly harm living tissue

David Swift [swift@hawaii.edu](mailto:swift@hawaii.edu)

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## RESEARCH REPORT

*HUGH DEASY, B.A., MSc, PhD*

Hi, My anomalous research is in trying to overcome Newton's 3rd law of motion. I started last year when I realized that the non-linear aspect of the Lorentz force could be used to give a reaction-less force in a specially prepared circuit. I don't want to release details yet until I get a patent on it.

The first test took place last January but was negative. I had been expecting a force of 3 mN. I did get something, but it was explicable as due to the Earth's magnetic field - i.e. the compass effect.

Abstracts. It is apparent that by 2009 the reality of the cold fusion phenomenon, namely occurrence of nuclear reactions in deuterated/hydride metallic lattices was more or less firmly established, based on a variety of experimental findings (although hard core skeptics may not agree with this assessment). The field is now more appropriately referred to as Condensed Matter Nuclear Science (CMNS) and the reactions occurring in deuterated/hydrogenated metallic lattices as “Low Energy Nuclear Reactions” (LENR). In general reproducibility which was one of the contentious issues has substantially improved as compared to what it was in the early years following the Fleischmann & Pons announcement.

However even today there is no universally accepted theory which is able to explain all of the experimental results. How is the coulomb repulsion between positively charged nuclei overcome to enable a nuclear reaction to take place inside a solid substance? What are the nuclear signatures that have been detected, establishing beyond doubt the occurrence of nuclear processes? All these questions and much more are covered in the thousands of papers listed in the website [www.lenr.org](http://www.lenr.org). These papers describe a variety of investigations conducted by hundreds of scientists in a dozen different countries during the last couple of decades. Other sites such as [www.iscmns.org](http://www.iscmns.org), [www.newenergytimes.com](http://www.newenergytimes.com), [www.coldfusiontimes.com](http://www.coldfusiontimes.com), [www.coldfusionnow.org](http://www.coldfusionnow.org) etc have also documented the progress in cold fusion research. Edmund Storms’ book “*Science of Low Energy Nuclear Reaction*” published by World Scientific gives an excellent overview of the field as of 2007.

The 22 year history of cold fusion research has witnessed three sub-revolutions : The first was the initial observation of d-d fusion reactions resulting in the production of inert He-4 gas in Pd-D systems. The second sub revolution was the discovery of anomalous heat production in certain *hydrogen* loaded metal-hydride configurations in the mid 90s, although the basic mechanism responsible for excess heat production in these systems was totally puzzling The third sub revolution was the discovery of the occurrence of nuclear transmutation reactions involving the host metal atoms such as Pd or Ni. It is this third part that prompted this author to present a paper at the May 2009 meeting of the SSE at Charlottesville titled “Do Elemental Transmutations Occur in Simple Experimental Configurations? Could Alchemy be True After All?” A detailed overview of the experimental findings relating to Transmutation Reactions in LENR devices has recently appeared as Chapter 43 in the 2011 Edition of the Wiley “Encyclopedia of Nuclear Energy”.

In February 2011 this author had conducted the 16th International Conference on Condensed Matter Nuclear Science (ICCF 16) in Chennai. Majority of the papers presented at this conference mainly dealt with the Palladium-deuterium system originally propounded by Fleischmann and Pons. Although CMNS researchers were quite aware that Nickel-hydrogen configurations too, under certain conditions, do sponsor anomalous nuclear reactions, it was generally believed that Pd-D was the more promising route rather than Ni-H.

#### **Rossi’s E-Cat :**

That is why when we heard that an Italian engineer-inventor by the name of Andrea Rossi had demonstrated in the presence of a select group of 50 invitees, a 10 KWth cold fusion reactor at the University of Bologna, in Italy on 14th January 2011, just three weeks prior to the Chennai conference, all of us were taken by great surprise. No other CMNS researcher had so far observed “excess power” releases in KW levels; the fact that this was observed in a Ni-H system was even more impressive! The short video available on Youtube titled “The Magic of Mr. Rossi” (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NzL3RllcwBY>) recapitulates that historic test and explains the background to Rossi’s invention. This novel “cold fusion reactor” which has been named by Rossi as Energy Catalyzer or “E-Cat” for

In disgust, I started to look at alternative N3-breakers, but with dubious results. Then a few weeks ago I realized what my mistake in January had been and re-did the Lorentz system. This time it seemed to work even when the Earth's field had been corrected for! The results are still small, but seem to be robust.

I just need to get some higher current pulses to be sure. I suppose most physicist readers will guess more or less what the set-up is. Another laser physicist is working on reproducing the effect, and should have results over the Christmas holidays. Another scientist at my work place, who is known for work on space transport systems, is also helping me reproduce it there. By early 2012 we hope to have results from that.

Regards,

*Hugh Dea*

*BIO:* Hugh holds a PhD in astronomy and went to the space industry where he was active in flight dynamic and simulations for over 20 years. Then he joined the Steorn forum. This proved to be a good base for refreshing and extending knowledge of electromagnetic systems. It was here that forum members tried to crack the riddle of how to get a net force out of the non-linearity of the Lorentz force. That was 2008. At that time they made no progress. But by 2010 Hugh had learned more about magnetic and began to do research and experimentation in his home workshop. That's where he developed this system.

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## **SSE MARKETING**

### *Update from Dominique Surel*

I am writing this article to update SSE members who were interested in my marketing plan that I initiated while Acting President during Bill’s illness. I would like to explain the sudden silence on this topic after my numerous messages and recruitment campaign to create a marketing team during the SSE financial crisis this past Fall.

First let me outline what it was about: Creating a medium-long term strategy to mitigate the risk of SSE finding itself in another financial crisis. The plan was to incorporate simultaneous and aligned efforts in the domains of PR, Marketing, and Branding. I also wanted to respond to and incorporate member suggestions received at the annual meetings to maximize on the growing interest of SSE in the Denver/Boulder area, and to explore possible collaborative and investment opportunities from the

short, was fuelled by just one gram of Nickel nano powder exposed to pressurized hydrogen gas.

Details of his invention were first posted in Feb 2010 in his blog-site [www.journal-of-nuclear-physics.com](http://www.journal-of-nuclear-physics.com) both in the form of a scientific paper jointly authored with Prof. Focardi titled "A new energy source from nuclear fusion" and a patent application dated Aug 2008 titled "Method and apparatus for carrying out Nickel and hydrogen exothermal reactions". The patent claimed that: "*A practical embodiment of the inventive apparatus, installed on October 16, 2007, is at present perfectly operating 24 hours per day, and provides an amount of heat sufficient to heat the factory of the Company EON of via Carlo Ragazzi 18, at Bondeno, Province of Ferrara in Italy.*" Rossi waited for his patent application to be filed before going public in Feb 2010. While his Italian patent was granted on 6th April 2011, his international patent application was returned on grounds that it lacks detail in describing the technology. It would seem that Rossi's strategy of withholding vital information in the patent application seems to have backfired.

### 1 MWth Reactor Demo of 28th October 2011:

Soon after his 10 KWth reactor demo of 14th January, Rossi had announced that he will be unveiling in public a 1 MWth cold fusion reactor in the month of October and hence the CMNS community was eagerly anticipating this event. This potentially game changing breakthrough event in fact occurred on 28th October 2011, again at the University of Bologna when Rossi demonstrated a 1 MWth water boiler/steam generator in the presence of a specially invited group of observers which included a representative of his first "customer" (see [http://pesn.com/2011/10/28/9501940\\_1\\_MW\\_E-Cat\\_Test\\_Successful](http://pesn.com/2011/10/28/9501940_1_MW_E-Cat_Test_Successful)). This 1 MW system comprised of 107 upgraded 10 KWth E-Cat modules, connected in a series-parallel fashion, such that coolant water flowed from one module to the next, progressively picking up more and more heat, there being several such parallel coolant circuit lines, carrying the heat away to generate steam. The whole system was housed in a standard 20 feet shipping container "ready for dispatch".

A built-in 400 W electrical resistance heater was used to heat the powder to about 400o C in order to trigger the nuclear process. Once the Nuclear reactions commence, the input electrical power can in principle be switched off and the whole reactor allowed to operate in a "self-sustaining mode". During the 28th October test the "1MW reactor" in fact operated for over 5 hours at a power level of about 472 KW in a self-sustaining mode. In general however Rossi has observed that controlling the reactor is easier if the input power is still kept on. If the input power is still retained throughout the reactor operation, it is said to operate as an "Energy Amplifier". According to Rossi, the optimum power gain factor for safe and stable operation is about 6 to 10.

It is learnt that Rossi's first "customer" was satisfied with the outcome of the test and paid up the agreed price of two million Euros; the reactor has since been shipped to the customer's premises. The real identity of the customer has not been revealed so far, except that they are a Military organization. We have since learnt that this customer has now placed a repeat order for an additional one dozen 1 MW reactors ("for use in a cold, remote location"), and a new customer from the East coast of the US, has also placed an order for a similar plant. The 1 MWth reactor is reportedly fuelled with about a Kg of Ni powder. But, Rossi has revealed, that the Ni fuel powder also contains a small percentage of a proprietary additive, whose nature he has kept as an industrial secret for now.

Further reports on this exciting development are available at the following dedicated websites which have all sprung up during the weeks following the epoch making 28th October event : [www.ecat.com](http://www.ecat.com), [www.leonardo-ecat.com/fp](http://www.leonardo-ecat.com/fp),

private sector and industry.

This was a two-year strategy that would approach businesses and corporations to create corporate membership, corporate sponsorship, and corporate financial contribution packages. Since the Denver/Boulder area features one of the largest number of private research organizations in the nation, and that we already have established a presence here, we would have initially focused on tl geographical area and then replicate this template in other geographical areas in the US.

The initial implementation stage would have been to introduce SSE to numerous organizations by sending them professional marketing material and two free tickets to our 2012 meeting in Boulder – therefore no travel costs for them to attend. At the meeting I would have approached these individuals with a personalized corporate membership package that would include possibilities of sponsoring the 2013 SSE meeting, and/or EdgeScience.

In addition the plan was to engage in a discussion an introduce them to other SSE presenters and members. Since, as the annual meeting organizer, I am on the Program Committee, I had planned to organize round tables in the evenings featuring common topics of interests whereby these private industry individuals could have engaged in conversations with other SSE members.

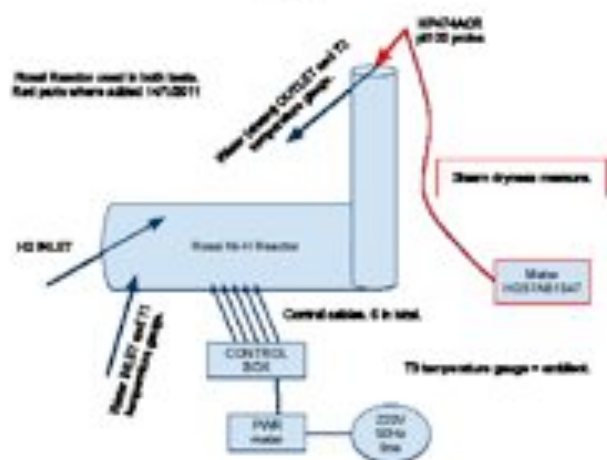
Over the years SSE members have suggested that we needed alternatives to panel discussions in the evenings. After a full day of listening to lectures ma members would prefer to engage in dynamic and personal conversations than more listening in a pane format. I had started working with the Program Committee, Chaired by Dick Blasband who understood the vision and worked with me in planning some interactive sessions in the evening. The potential investors would have left with a good understanding of SSE and I would have followed up with them later. Obviously, this plan entailed committing to having the 2013 meeting in Boulder, but that was later open to question, because, as som of you may know, there is substantial resistance to having the next two meetings in Boulder.

The implementation of this plan included building a marketing team with other SSE members and coordinating all of these aspects in order to ensure the effectiveness and flow of the developing strategy. However, I was asked to step-back and also remind that we did not want to be perceived as a Boulder organization by having so many meetings in Boulder. Furthermore, I was not included in the new Program Committee.

[www.e-catworld.com](http://www.e-catworld.com), [www.ecatnews.net](http://www.ecatnews.net), [www.ecatnews.com](http://www.ecatnews.com), [www.e-catsite.com](http://www.e-catsite.com) and [www.ecatplanet.net](http://www.ecatplanet.net). The first listed site, namely ecat.com is managed by a UK firm called "Hydro Fusion" founded by four Swedish entrepreneurs (two of whom are Particle Physicists) and who have obtained the rights to market E-cat reactors in Northern Europe. Likewise a start up company called AmpEnegro, Inc founded in April 2009 in the USA, by among others some former employees of the US Department of Energy, have been granted the rights for marketing E-cats in the Americas. All the above E-cat related websites are solely devoted to disseminating information on this breakthrough and are vying with each other to be the first to publish the latest news and "juicy gossip" regarding this newborn kitten!

Rossi claims to have preliminary experimental evidence which suggests that in his Ni-H system, energy is released following nuclear transmutation reactions between Nickel nuclei and protons (from the hydrogen gas), resulting in copper isotopes. He has said that after 6 months of reactor operation, the spent Ni fuel was found to contain as much as 30 % of Cu and the Cu63 to Cu65 isotopic ratio was substantially different from its natural abundance value. Rossi and Focardi have said that this translates to an energy equivalent of 4000 barrels of oil per Kg of Ni. Rossi has not attempted to publish details of his invention in any peer reviewed scientific journal so far for fear it will not be accepted, since cold fusion is even today discredited by mainstream science. In the absence of any credible scientific paper, the physics community is understandably suspicious of his claims. But Rossi's stand is that the test of the pudding is in the eating: *"I am an inventor; I am more interested in marketing my invention and making money, than wasting my time convincing skeptical physicists."* Rossi who is resident in the US, has set up a company there called Leonardo Corporation to exploit his technology. If his claims are true and his invention indeed results in a safe, clean, cheap and reliable source of energy for mankind, then one has to concede that Rossi is probably sitting on a "trillion dollar jack pot!"

It is encouraging to note that Rossi has just signed a half a million Euro contract with the Physics department of the University of Bologna to systematically study the Physics of the E-cat, especially elemental and isotopic analysis of the post run fuel powder, to nail the mechanisms responsible for the energy release. They have promised to publish the results in peer reviewed scientific journals when the study is completed.



**Pathway to Commercialization of Ni-H LENR Reactors :**

Instead of trying to push the growth of SSE into a direction that is not aligned with the Council's or Executive Committee's purpose and vision, John Reed, Dick Blasband, and I have formed a separate organization that can meet the needs of those members who would like to see SSE evolve: The Institute for Scientific Exploration (ISE). By creating this SSE sister, but separate organization, we will preserve the SSE vision.

Through ISE, we will be able to market, publicize, and otherwise promote the SSE worldwide, while bridging the gap between scientific research and private industry, as the mission of ISE suggests. Please read the announcement in this issue of The Explorer which discusses the mission and vision of ISE, as well as, visit the website at:

<http://instituteofscientificexploration.org>

We are excited about the potential impact ISE could have on the development of very innovative services and technologies, the development of a higher level of consciousness in individuals, and the implementation of solutions that are planet friendly worldwide.

Therefore I am happy to inform the SSE membership that we will be continuing our marketing efforts albeit through ISE by expanding our reach to the outside world and initiating interactive conferences between the membership and private industry about topics of common interest. With many thanks to those of you who have expressed support for our marketing plan.

## REFLECTIONS FROM CHINA

*Words of wisdom from our friend Eunice Brock.*

I am a strong believer that it is the right of the individual to decide what religious or non-religious system he or she desires and also what worldview they desire. Problems arise when a government adheres to a religious belief or a certain world view. This is the source of much terrorism and conflict in the world. China has made tremendous progress in lifting their people out of dire poverty and is rapidly becoming an advanced nation. The powerful Communist Party of China still holds to the materialistic worldview of Earth as a big machine of matter to be deconstructed by scientists for human benefit and that brain death ends life. Schools teach that religion is based on ignorance and superstitions. Polls indicate 50% of the Chinese are atheists. I do

There is an interesting twist to this fascinating scientific-technological drama that is currently unfolding. Rossi had initially tied up with a Greek company called "Defkalion Green Technologies" ([http://www.defkalion-energy.com/White\\_Paper\\_DGT.pdf](http://www.defkalion-energy.com/White_Paper_DGT.pdf)) through his physicist friend Prof. Stremennos who was instrumental in an agreement being signed between Rossi and Defkalion for transfer of technology at a price tag of 100 million Euros. Unfortunately that tie up fell apart in August 2011 following a heated argument when, we are told, Defkalion wanted to see Rossi's test device run non stop for 48 hrs at a stretch whereas the test E-cat module could not operate for more than 24 hrs continuously! Other reports say Defkalion did not pay the first instalment of the agreed upon fees. In any case Rossi apparently unilaterally cancelled the agreement. Since then the two parties, namely Rossi and Defkalion, are now independently developing their own versions of the Ni-H reactor.

Defkalion which has set up their manufacturing plant at Xanthi in Greece, calls their Nickel -Hydrogen LENR reactor by the name "Hyperion". A press release issued on 30th Nov 2011, by Defkalion (<http://www.defkalion-energy.com>) was accompanied by a preliminary technical specifications sheet, describing their 5 KW Hyperion product which they say will enter the market sometime in 2012. In addition details of a 45 KW version of Hyperion composed of nine of the basic 5 KW modules, have also been unveiled. A surprising but disturbing feature noted in the specs sheet, is the built in "self destruct mechanism" expected to be incorporated in the units to protect their trade secrets from being stolen through reverse engineering following disassembly of the reactor core. It is however doubtful if any national licensing authority will permit such a feature to be installed in a commercial product sold in their territory.

Meanwhile the original father figure of the Ni-H field, namely Prof. Piantelli of Siena, Italy who was the first to discover and publish papers jointly co-authored with Prof. Focardi, on anomalous heat production in Ni-H systems as early as 1994, is upset that his findings and ideas have been usurped and patented by Rossi. So in Nov. 2009 and again in April 2011, Piantelli filed his own patents and has set up his own company ("Nichenenergy Srl") to develop his version of Ni-H cold fusion reactors. (All these patents are available in the public domain.) It is interesting that Piantelli is actually a Biophysicist and the story of how he accidentally discovered anomalous heat production in a Nickel rod (which was being used as a sample holder for biological specimens) when it was exposed to hydrogen, forms fascinating reading.

Since Rossi has not succeeded in obtaining international patent protection so far, the field is now wide open for exploitation by others and there is now a world wide scramble to get on board the Ni-H nuclear band wagon. All this competition is clearly good for the field and we have every reason to be optimistic that LENR technology may well succeed in becoming available to power an energy hungry world in the years to come, and in the bargain possibly even turn topsy turvy, the established global economic order. *Imagine having a new source of clean energy which is decentralized (needs no electrical grid), does not require uranium or plutonium, does not produce any radioactive waste products nor nuclear radiation, does not leave any carbon footprint and is mass manufactured and sold in the market place as a common consumer product!*

In fact, as already noted, Defkalion have indicated that their 5KW Hyperion home heaters will be in the market in 2012, while Learnado Corporation hopes to make their E-cat home unit available in 2013 (indicated cost: 500 \$ per KW) and have actually invited customers to register for the same online! But there is one possible stumbling block : Will the big brother US Nuclear Regulatory Commission wield their long stick and play spoil sport requiring that all these products adhere to strict radiation safety compliance? This will certainly delay

not object to people choosing this worldview or atheism. What troubles me is that opposing worldviews are not explored. I appose any dogmatic belief system that prevents the scientific exploration of phenomena considered taboo by those in authority. For example the subject of death is taboo among the doctors and nurses I have met in China and none are taught how to meet the changing emotional needs of the dying patients. They tell the dying "friendly lies" that their treatment will help them recover.

Because the materialistic world view is void of spiritual values it tends to give rise to a hedonistic society that fails to meet mankind's deeper need for meaningful life and a satisfying sense of peace and joy. The major cause of death in China between the age 14 and 38 is suicide. I believe from what I have seen in life that those who have a spiritual experience that has brought to the individual a deep feeling of oneness with others, with nature and with the universe and have found meaning and joy in loving service to others and Earth are healthier and suffer less from depressive moods than others.

To challenge a dogmatic world view that I think is harmful to many I have spent the last few years of my life writing a book for my Chinese friends entitled *Search for a World View That Will Harmonize the Scientific Concepts of the Physical and Spiritual Realms*. Because science has more or less become the main belief system for many and especially for intellectuals and scientists themselves much of the material in my book comes from the research by members of the Society for Scientific Exploration (SSE), the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS), the International Association for Near-Death Studies (IANDS), the International Society for the Study of Subtle Energy and Energy Medicine (ISSSEEM) and the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelics (MAPS). My interest in China stems from the fact I was born in China in 19 and spent most of my childhood in China at a time war lords were constantly fighting and a 3 year famine caused about 8,000,000 deaths. I felt helpless as a child to relieve the suffering I witnessed and determined to return as an adult to help the people. This I did in 1999 at the age of 82. As a citizen of planet Earth I also am concerned with its destruction by those who view Earth as a great machine composed of matter to be deconstructed and used as they see fit. What I have written for my Chinese friends applies to the problem of saving Earth -the lack of spiritual values.

The trend of evolution is toward union. I believe the power of the scientists in the 5 organizations I mentioned and similar organizations if united

commercialization prospects. A new book titled **“Rossi's eCat - Free Energy, Free Money, Free People”** by John Michell (published in September 2011) elaborates on the likely impact of Rossi's invention on the global energy scenario!

But the shocking part of this rapidly developing story is, here we seem to have a game changing clean nuclear energy source but no one in the world knows how exactly it works beyond the fact that it presumably involves a nuclear reaction between Ni and protons from the hydrogen! As already emphasized, the mainstream Physicists have rejected the whole field of cold fusion saying: *“Text book nuclear physics cant explain it, my student cant repeat it and so it must be nonsense!”* Now with the prospect of working units flooding the market place, hopefully the scientific community will sit up and acknowledge that a *“Silent Revolution in Nuclear Science”* appears to have indeed taken place *behind their backs*. It is now left to *“generation next”* to jump in and unravel the science behind these Low Energy Nuclear Reactions. In this context the recent announcement that starting January 2012, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) will be offering a short course labeled *“Cold Fusion 101”* in a bid to attract fresh young blood to this emergent new branch of nuclear science, is a welcome development.

### Defense and Space Applications :

Another aspect which is attracting attention is the potential Defense related applications of Ni-H reactors. Not many are aware that in the USA the Defense Advanced Projects Agency (DARPA), the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and the Office of Naval Research (ONR) have all been quietly funding Cold Fusion/LENR research for the past several years. In Nov. 2009 a US Defense Intelligence Agency Technology Forecast Report had providentially concluded (full report at <http://newenergytimes.com/v2/news/2009/2009DIA-08-0911-003.pdf>) : *“If nuclear reactions in LENR experiments are real and controllable, DIA assesses that whoever produces the first commercial LENR power source could revolutionize energy production and storage for the future.”* There are already speculations that the unnamed military organization which is believed to have purchased the 13 MWth E-cat plant from Rossi *“for use in a cold remote location”* may in fact be attempting to retrofit it into a small conventional submarine in order to convert it into an inexpensive mini nuclear submarine! On 22nd September 2011 NASA had organized a one-day *“LENR Innovation Forum workshop”* at their Glenn Research Centre in Cleveland, to take stock of the field. Dennis Bushnell, the Chief Scientist of the NASA Langley Research Centre who reviewed the potentially wide ranging applications of LENR technology concluded his talk with the words: *“In short LENR ... appears to be capable of Revolutionizing Aerospace across the board. No other single technology even comes close to the potential impacts of LENR upon Agency Missions.”*

If the Rossi invention is indeed such a big breakthrough, how come the media is not raving about it? That mystery (bias?) can be traced back to the events and euphoria triggered in March 1989 by the original Fleischmann–Pons announcement. But it must be pointed out that unlike in 1989 when all that Fleischmann and Pons had to show was a test tube and lots of promise, this time around Andrea Rossi appears to have built a real working industrial product which has been publicly demonstrated and is now even available for sale! Viewed from the backdrop of the catastrophic melt down of the Fukushima reactors in Japan which occurred in March this year, the Ni-H LENR reactor breakthrough provides fresh hopes for mankind. The year 2011 also happens to be the centenary of the discovery of the Atomic Nucleus by Rutherford, and may well end up being remembered as a historic turning point in man's quest for an environmentally friendly *“third route”* (fission and thermonuclear fusion being the other two) to tapping the enormous energy locked in the atomic nucleus.

would affect the evolution of science and mankind. Therefore I suggest we put on a united conference with a subject such as *Scientific Contributions to Spiritual Values Needed to Save Earth* and send invitations to all the nation's news media and T.V. companies and government leaders. Let us SSE members explore the power of uniting with other organizations to start a spiritual awakening that will save mankind from self-destruction. Let us attempt great things and expect great things.

*Eunice Bro*



**Chinese: Harmony**

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## DOCUMENTARY

SSE member Adrian Nelson has produced a documentary about consciousness research which he mostly filmed during two SSE meetings. Part1 is available for free on YouTube. Here is the link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RrKVQVr3p04>

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## ANOMALOUS ACCOMPLICE

*by Eugenia Macer-Story*

There is a difference between science and technology which has been blurred by the pile up of new (rapidly obsolescent) machines and devices for communication. The superstar status accorded to the developers of these devices also adds to the confusion between real science and innovative technological development.. I was struck by the importance of identifying this misunderstanding during a small incident, actually humorous, which occurred in the hallway of the Louisville Ramada Inn in July 2011 as

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## EXPANDING SSE MEMBERSHIP

The Development Committee headed by Dick Blasband has been working to expand SSE's exposure and to recruit new members and assist members in creating local chapters. Bill Rowe is working on a PowerPoint presentation that will be used to recruit new members. Local chapters have a dual function: SSE members discuss topics of mutual interest and get to know one another; and it's another way of recruiting members. Members can bring a friend once or twice and then that person must sign-up as a member if they wish to attend other local meetings. If you would like some suggestions as to how to start a local chapter please email either Dick at [RABlasband@aol.com](mailto:RABlasband@aol.com); or Dominique at [lumierebl@aol.com](mailto:lumierebl@aol.com).

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### SSE Business Cards Are Available Free To All Members

If you are a dedicated SSE member, part of your job is to promote the Society and its mission to family, friends, associates, and contacts. You can do that by talking and gesturing a lot, and thus wearing out yourself and your audience, or you can begin by giving them one of the 3-4 SSE business cards you *always* carry in your wallet, and let the card do the job for you. If your audience is interested, you can take it from there.

To receive a 20-card pack, e-mail me (Dave Leiter) at [ldavidl2002@yahoo.com](mailto:ldavidl2002@yahoo.com)



If you have a presentation coming up, and need a bigger bunch of cards for your audience in a hurry, phone me. My number is in the SSE Member Directory.

**A hint to our "Celebrity Members" whom I see on TV documentaries all the time:** If they won't let you promote SSE on-screen, then hand out cards to the crew and anyone else nearby. We'll print more!

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### A Tribute to Book Review Editor David Moncrief

To mark the first 10 years of David Moncrief's splendid work as Book Review Editor, SSE Council solicited this appreciation by former Editor-in-Chief Henry Bauer

was striding down the long corridor after giving my talk "Subtle Cyber Robotics: Extra-Dimensional Presence Within Ordinary Mass Structure" which included actual anomalous photographs which figure in speculative analysis. Toward me along the hotel hallway strode an individual I was able to identify as person of fringe "scientific" or "skeptical" persuasion due to a self-complimentary attitude and deliberate lack of name tag: an anonymous critic! As he passed me, he said "hi", condescendingly confirming my supposition. "Hi", I replied non-committally. Then he yelled at my back after we strode past each other in opposite directions: "Either you have an accomplice or you are an accomplice. But we can't prove it! Stop! Turn around!" I did not stop or turn around but laughed inwardly. For I have no "accomplice". I am a puzzled, investigator-practitioner trying to understand the circumstances esp, spirit contact, and mind over matter. As I have assumed is "scientific", I follow the data where it leads me and if an incident or finding is notably strange, I do not omit this. The reason the frustrated person I passed in the hallway had no "proof" of an accomplice is simply that there is no such accomplice. Missing proof is not proof that anything is missing. Sometimes one cannot "prove" a belief simply because it is not true. We have begun to confuse scientific analysis with technical design. But the application of a systemic protocol design to human behavior which is not absolutely systemic but manifests in specific instances, like trying to explain by prior engineering the exact path of the evolving weather.

As well as stating that I have no "accomplice" except perhaps certain dedicated spirit guides interested in the evolution of human capacities, I should also observe that physically I have no hidden agenda.

One of the objectively real situations with which I have dealt in research and reporting is the invention of details about myself and my physical/medical history which are not actually possible. Once hit with this situation one begins to distrust details about other individuals and circumstances put forth by the same "research" crew who believe variety of strange tales based on the canard that your present correspondent lives in a tool shed beside her house because the change of street numbers due to emergency response coding was registered on one telephone line but not the FAX line. This means to people who have never investigated the exact specifics that my main phone must be located in the second building, the tool shed used to store stage props. No kidding!! Less humorously, there exists the perverse interpretation of my account of a NDE experience due to an auto accident in 1970 that these injuries involving whipla

Ten years ago I retired from my university and also became Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Scientific Exploration*. The first --- and best --- thing I did was persuade David Moncrief to become officially the Book Review Editor. I say “officially”, because he had already been doing much of the associated work for quite some time.

I’ve always regarded book reviews as a valuable part of scholarly journals, and had written the first one published in the *Journal*, in issue 1 of volume 2 (1988). A few more reviews appeared after that, and by 1992 I had agreed with editors Bernie and Marsha to act as Book Review Editor and organize a more regular and substantial book-review section.

Soon I was getting phone calls from David Moncrief, offering suggestions for books worth reviewing and, even more helpfully, suggesting suitable reviewers. While this year marks a decade of David’s official service as Book Review Editor, he has actually been doing much of the needed work for almost twice that long.

I know that many people besides me regard the book-review section of JSE as its most vitally *integrating* part of our interdisciplinary endeavor. Whole issues can go by in which I personally find no research articles of particular interest, but since David began to organize book reviews, no issue has failed to offer me something of interest among the reviewed books and articles.

I doubt that anyone who has not actually served as Book Review Editor could realize all that’s involved. Most people can understand easily enough that there’s a time-consuming lot of sheer work, keeping up with sources for books worth reviewing, canvassing for suitable reviewers, making contacts by phone, carrying on correspondence. But though onerous, those are actually the easy parts. It’s the quality of reviews that really matters, and David has always been very clear about that.

Readers are best served by impartial reviewing that is fair to both subjects and authors. However, some authors find it difficult to recognize the fairness of reviews that contain even a hint of criticism --- though not all authors react as violently and for so little reason as CSICOPper Joe Nickell did years ago, when he threatened to sue the *Journal* because a reviewer had dared suggest that Nickell might not have been 100% --- or perhaps 110%? --- objective. So one very sensitive aspect of David’s work has been to ensure fairness to authors while also listening to complaints from them and, where called for, allowing them to register published comments. David put significant effort into evolving a policy for such comments, so that decisions would not be generated more or less arbitrarily in each case: on the one hand, where reviews contain some factual inaccuracy, correction must be permitted; on the other hand, one does not want to have a cantankerous to-and-fro between authors and reviewers --- if only because reviewers need to be appreciated and nurtured perhaps even more than authors. David has been fully conscious of that. Moreover, by canvassing widely for reviewers among people not yet members of SSE, he has worked to publicize the *Journal* and the Society and court potential members.

At times a book is so controversial, or opinions so sharply divided, that no truly impartial reviewer seems available, so on occasion David has had more than one review published for a given book. Here again sensitivity is called for, and David has been scrupulous in informing prospective reviewers when he may be seeking multiple reviews.

So the work of the Book Review Editor is anything but routine or straightforward, and David has handled his relations with authors and reviewers with great sensitivity.

of the back due to a lap seatbelt and crash into a telephone pole due to steering column failure on a rainy highway were deliberate s & m activities. Fantastic! Due to the whiplash upon collision, I sustained fractures of both arms against the steering wheel, contusions across my abdomen where the seat belt collided with previous surgeries for appendectomy and ovarian cyst removal and my digestive system, causing me to bleed internally. I also sustained lacerations to the face, a mild concussion when my head hit my crossed arms on the steering wheel and was thought by the police to be dead when the paramedics found me. The neural damage from this accident has resulted in life long difficulty with my right arm, shoulder muscles and abdominal surgical adhesions. I am lucky not to have died, as the police emergency rescue originally thought when they pressed a mirror to my bloody nose to see if I was breathing. I think anyone can understand that when I read on the SSE list an offhanded attribution of this NDE experience to sado-masochistic practices I felt I was contacting something more deeply skewed than simply a skeptical perspective. That is the reason I am writing this article. In fact, my first adult experience with the dark or demonic elements of the supernatural was in that small Midwestern town where I had been placed by an agency as a newspaper reporter. In 1989 I gave a talk at the American Society of Dowsers Conference on this haunting and concepts of exorcism. A policeman who came to let me in to my apartment of July 4, 1970 when my key had melted in the lock, had remarked: “I’m glad you’re alive.” And told me of a previous murder-suicide on July 4 in that same location. It’s a long story. This is a short paper. I did nearly die about three months later in the car crash already described, which was due to unexplained electrical short out of the car’s steering column. These are the type of in situ phenomena which should be looked at by scientists: Things which do not make any “sense” because our present knowledge of the cosmos is imperfect. Objectively, it looks as if a “bloody” intelligence may have been involved both with the murder-suicide and with the freak electrical failure which ultimately caused my NDE experience. The neighbors had told me prior to the accident when I mentioned the melted key and other apporpts that they had seen the apparition of a man standing in the yard. Maybe this ghostly guy was the “accomplice” who melted the key and shorted out the car’s steering mechanism.

David Moncrief was also the initiator of a number of aspects of the present book-review section. He has solicited retrospective reviews of important older books, and that may have stimulated Calvos Alvarado to offer the interesting historical pieces that he has written in recent years. It was also David's idea to have a section of "Further Books of Note" for works that should be drawn to readers' attention but that do not warrant a lengthy review; and he initiated "Articles of Interest", which gives SSE members the opportunity to share their knowledge of recent literature.

I trust these glimpses of what David does and has done will explain why it occurred to us that, as he completes his first decade as official Book Review Editor, we should express our gratitude to him openly and let him know that we look forward eagerly and with pleasure to the next decades of his work on our behalf.

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### The heart has reasons that reason cannot know

*Blaise Pascal (1623-1662). French Mathematician, Philosopher, Physicist*



**Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair but manifestations of strength and resolution**

*Kahlil Gibran (1883-1931)*

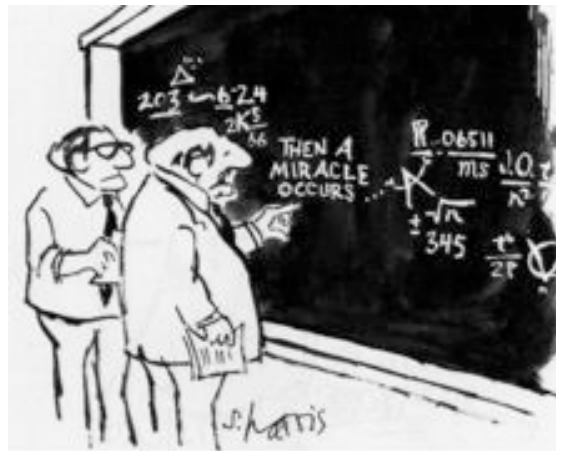


**The world is burning in the fire of desire, in greed, arrogance and excessive ego.**

*Sri Guru Branth Sahib*

*The religious text of Sikhism; a voluminous text 1430 angas, compiled and composed during the period of Sikh gurus, from 1469 to 1708.*

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"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

*from What's so Flaky about Science? by Sidney Harris (197*



**Le Professeur Tournesol**

*Tintin, Herge*

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