

# SOCIETY FOR SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION

## 24th Annual SSE Meeting May 19-21, 2005 Gainesville, Florida

The Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Society for Scientific Exploration will be held at the Gateway Grand Hotel in Gainesville, Florida, on May 19-21, 2005 (Thursday through Saturday). Local arrangements are by Tom Dykstra, and Garret Moddel chairs the Program Committee. Note: Invited speakers are listed in underlined capitals,

### PROGRAM

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

7:00 **OPENING RECEPTION**

#### THURSDAY MORNING - OPENING

9:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

#### Skepticism 1

9:10 **The View from Space, and Its Effects**, EDGAR MITCHELL, Institute of Noetic Sciences

10:10 **Skepticism versus Belief: A Pedagogic Method Invites New Insights**, Charles Eisenstein, Penn State University

10:30 **Break**

10:50 **A Bridge between Skepticism and Belief**, ERIC KRIEG, Philadelphia Association for Critical Thinking

#### Scientific Method & Consciousness

11:30 **Multipolar Scientific Methods and Technologies**, Andrey Zavalin, Vanderbilt University, and Vasily Lensky, International Association of Scientists and Intelligentsia.

11:50 **The Consciential Paradigm: A new Paradigm for Studying Consciousness**, David Lindsay, International Academy of Consciousness, New York

12:10 **Lunch**

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:40 **Why the Study of the Anomalous is Critical for Scientific Endeavor**, VERNON M. NEPPE, Pacific Neuropsychiatric Institute, Seattle

2:20 **The Science of the Future: Liberation from the Cartesian Prison**, Mike Lydon

2:40 **Formation of a Scientific Theory: Lessons Learned from Insectolfaction**, THOMAS M. DYKSTRA, Dykstra Laboratories, Inc.

3:20 **Break**

3:40 **The PEAR Proposition: "Change the Rules!"**, ROBERT G. JAHN AND BRENDA J. DUNNE, Princeton University

4:20 **Quantum Mechanics, Complexity, and Consciousness: Toward a Science of Conscious Systems**, Larry Goldberg

**4:40 Extending the Ecologically-Motivated Paradigm of Perception: An Examination of Perceivable Information in Functional Altered States of Consciousness, Igor Dolgov, Arizona State University**

**5:00 YOUNG INVESTIGATORS MEETING**

## **THURSDAY EVENING**

### **Panel Discussion 1**

**8:00 What does "Scientific" Really Mean?**

## **FRIDAY MORNING**

### **Skepticism 2**

**9:00 Why Reporters Don't Do Stories on Your Research, MICHAEL LEMONICK, TIME Magazine**

**9:40 The Two-Edged Sword of Skepticism: Occam's Razor and Occam's Lobotomy, HENRY H. BAUER, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University**

**10:20 Break**

**10:30 What Produces Organized Skeptics?, David Leiter**

**10:50 Sizing up Psi in a University Classroom: Exploration, Acceptance & Skepticism, Garret Moddel, University of Colorado**

**11:10 Scientific Methodology: Linking Subjective Paranormal Experience and Focal Brain Dysfunction, Vernon M. Neppe, Pacific Neuropsychiatric Institute**

## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON - FIELD TRIP**

**Silver Springs Nature Theme Park**

## **FRIDAY EVENING**

### **Panel Discussion 2**

**8:00 Does Skepticism of Psi Still Have a Leg to Stand On?**

## **SATURDAY MORNING**

**9:00 Reflections on the Skeptic Proponent Debate in Parapsychology, MARILYN SCHLITZ, Institute of Noetic Sciences, and California Pacific Medical Center**

**9:40 Do Near-Death Experience Accounts Improve With Age? A Skeptical Look at a Skeptical Hypothesis, Bruce Greyson, University of Virginia**

### **PSI and Science Anomalies**

**10:00 Data Selection and Optional Stopping, York H Dobyms, Princeton University**

**10:20 Break**

**10:40 Consciousness Physics as an Alternative to String Theory, Evan Harris Walker, WCRI**

- 11:00 The Physics of Encounter**, Roderick Boes  
**11:20 Meaning and the Long Body**, William Roll, State University of West Georgia  
**11:40 Comparison of Consciousness Functionalities: Introducing a  
Newtonian/Quantum Model**, John P. MacLean, Utah Valley State College  
**12:00 Lunch**

#### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

- 1:40 Target Research Project: A Methodology to Support Research on Remote  
Perception Phenomena**, Rodrigo Medeiros, IAC – International Academy of  
Consciousness  
**2:00 Exploring the Formative Dynamics of Dream State Psi (DSP) and Conscious  
State Psi (CSP)**, Dale E. Graff  
**2:20 Energy Emissions from an Exceptional Subject**, Stephen B. Baumann, William T.  
Joines, Jeremy Kim, and Jonathan M. Zile, Duke University  
**2:40 The Physiology of Spontaneous Remission and Various Healing Modalities: the  
Foundation for a Unifying Theory?**, Carl G. Medwedeff  
**3:00 Crystal Irradiation Stimulation of Enzyme Reactivity (CISER): A Possible  
Paradigmatic Explanation**, George E. Bass, University of Tennessee  
Health Science Center  
**3:20 Break**  
**3:40 Passing the Baton to the Future You: Prospective Research on Reincarnation  
through the Time Capsule Project**, Nelson Abreu, University of Florida  
**4:00 Can Astrology be Tested?** Bob Marks  
**4:20 The Enigma of Weeping Icons**, Marilyn I. Schmidt  
**4:45 SSE BUSINESS MEETING**

#### **SATURDAY EVENING**

- 7:00 CLOSING BANQUET**