

MARC ABRAHAMS
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UK Tour 2004



SCIENCE THAT MAKES YOU LAUGH

THEN MAKES YOU THINK...

Navigation, Nutrition and Necrophilia...

...The Ig Nobels are awarded for the world's most original research. Highlights will include why the brains of London taxi drivers are more highly developed than those of their fellow citizens, the percentage of students that dislike the taste of Brussels sprouts and the first scientifically recorded case of homosexual necrophilia in the mallard duck.

Presented by The Times Higher Education Supplement in partnership with the BA (the British Association for the Advancement of Science) to celebrate National Science Week.

TOUR DATES

Thursday 11th March:	Oxford University
Friday 12th March:	Nottingham Trent University
Sunday 14th March:	Royal Dublin Society
Monday 15th March:	Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow
Tuesday 16th March:	Exeter University
Wednesday 17th March:	Manchester University
Thursday 18th March:	Institution of Electrical Engineers, London
Saturday 20th March:	Thinktank, Birmingham
Monday 22nd March:	CCLRC Daresbury Lab, Warrington

All tickets will be priced at £5, £4 for BA members and concessions, £10 for a group of 4.

BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE VIA CREDIT CARD HOTLINE 020 7019 4941

Line closes Friday 5th March after which tickets can be bought on the door. For the full National Science Week programme see www.the-ba.net/nsw

COMPETITIONS

LAB LIMERICKS

THERE ONCE WAS A VERSE FROM A LAB.....

To celebrate National Science Week and to highlight the challenges confronting British science in the year ahead, The THES is asking you to compose a limerick on one of the following topics:

PRINCE CHARLES AND SCIENCE

PRESIDENT BUSH AND GLOBAL WARMING

ME AND MY PETRI DISH

Those who make it onto the shortlist will be invited to perform their limerick at one of the tour venues.

The winner will receive two air tickets and three nights' accommodation to see the Ig Nobels Prize Ceremony in Harvard in October 2004.

SCIENCE BARNET OF THE YEAR

NOMINATE A LECTURER TO THE LUXURIANT FLOWING HAIR CLUB FOR SCIENTISTS

To enter your long-haired lecturer for the competition send in a picture to the address below. Entrants will be judged on glossiness, condition, length, style, flow and luxuriance.

The winner will receive a makeover by a top London stylist and lunch in a London restaurant. The semi-finalists will receive a prize pack including an alternative IgNobel science equipment pack (Elton John science goggles, rhinestone lab coat, a stained glass water bottle and dropper pipette magic wand).

Nomination should include a clear picture of the entrant showing luxuriant hair and a brief description of why they should win in no less than 25 words.

www.improb.com/projects/hair/hair-club-top.html

Send Entries to: Sebastian Lander, THES Science Limerick Competition/
THES Science Barnet Competition, Admiral House, 66-68 East Smithfield,
London, E1W 1BX.

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