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Science Journalism in Crisis?

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CNN axes its entire science, technology and environment news staff. In the UK, science supplements in national newspapers are now a thing of the past. Science journalists find themselves moved to the environment beat in a shift of emphasis in news reporting. Are science journalists a dying breed?

Moderator:

Deborah Blum, Pulitzer prize-winning science journalist; board member, World Federation of Science Journalists and Council for the Advancement of Science Writing; and former President, National Association of Science Writers

Speakers:

Pallab Ghosh, Science Correspondent, BBC News and President of the World Federation of Science Journalists

Cristine Russell, Freelance science writer and President of the Council for the Advancement of Science Writing

Nadia El-Awady, President of the Arab Science Journalists Association

Robert Lee Hotz, Science columnist, Wall Street Journal and former President, National Association of Science Writers

World Conference of Science Journalists 2009, London - www.wcsj2009.org

The only international conference organised by science journalists for science journalists. Top editors speak: what is the future for science reporting? Threat or promise? How will the advent of podcasts, blogging and citizen journalism change the face of science reporting? Investigative science reporting: a thing of the past? Billionaire philanthropists: what influence on scientific progress? Climate change: should the sceptics be heard? Join over 600 journalists from over 50 countries at the 6th World Conference of Science Journalists in London. Registration now open at www.wcsj2009.org. Reduced rates for journalists and for members of the Association of British Science Writers www.absw.org.uk and other member organisations of the World Federation of Science Journalists www.wfsj.org. Visit us at Exhibition Booth 1318.

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