

SCIENCE FOR THE CITIZEN

A series of lectures aimed at communicating science to society

Sapere aude

The purpose of scientific communication is to make scientific knowledge accessible to society. While it is generally thought that it is difficult to communicate science to non-scientists, this assumption is rebutted by the fact that through the publication of books and the frequent appearance of articles and reports in the mass media, many prestigious scientists have gained further recognition as skilled communicators of science. It is the privilege and responsibility of the Institute for Catalan Studies (IEC), as the academic center of knowledge in Catalonia, to inform its citizens about recent advances in science. The IEC is therefore pleased to host a series of lectures, entitled "Science for the Citizen", which will be held from the 2006 academic year.

In conjunction with these lectures, the IEC's scientific secretariat will extend its outreach to the different sectors of society by promoting the participation of university students, high school and university teachers, as well as the general public, with the aim of fostering a spirit of bilateralism. In order to achieve this goal, the IEC will establish relationships with education and training centers, departments and organizations of the Government of Catalonia, and the Catalan-speaking component of civil society. The Institute is committed to providing all the necessary means to become an integral part of the intellectual imagination of Catalonia.

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6 April 2006	Human population of the Balearic Island: the case of Chuetas and Ibizans Misericòrdia Ramon
10 May 2006	Communicating science: the role of Academies Elisabeth Kessler
18 May 2006	The problems of biosciences in contemporary society Carlo Alberti Redi
1 June 2006	The errors and animadversions of Honest Isaac Newton Sheldon Lee Glashow
22 June 2006	More about Mme. Lavoisier than M. Lavoisier Roald Hoffmann