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## May's top stories



### Wellcome Trust publishes 10-year Strategic Plan

The Wellcome Trust has published its ten year strategic plan for 2010 – 20. The plan reflects the long-term view the Trust takes in supporting research and the complex and global nature of the challenges we face.

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### ASTC Lee Kimche McGrath Worldwide Fellowship Application available

**Deadline for submission is Friday 28 May 2010.**

This year's ASTC Annual Conference will take place between 2 – 5 October in Honolulu, Hawaii and is hosted by the Bishop Museum. A fellowship is available offering complimentary registration to the conference, and a stipend of up to \$1,500 towards conference travel and lodging.

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## **New FREE Alumni Network for CREST Award winners**



A new alumni network has been set up for past and present CREST Award winners. The network offers a host of free benefits.

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## **Centre of the Cell wins Educational Initiative Award**



Centre of the Cell, the science education centre in London, has won the Educational Initiative award at the 2010 Museums & Heritage Awards for Excellence. The 'Oscars' of the museums' world, the awards represent the very best of the sector, and the winners were announced in a prestigious ceremony at Church House, Westminster.

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## **Latest news and events from Ecsite Europe**



The latest newsletter from Ecsite is now available with specific highlights including: booking details for their June conference, news from the Ecsite Projects (including 'Time for Nano'), and various other events across Europe and the UK.

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## **News from IYB-UK, the UK partnership for the International Year of Biodiversity 2010**



The latest developments, news and events for the International Year of Biodiversity are now available including the Young Darwin Prize, and news of media recognition of the pending International Day of

Biodiversity on May 22.

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## New events this month

### Save the Date!

#### **The Association for Science and Discovery Centres 2010 AGM**

***Thursday 16 September 2010, Birmingham***

We are delighted to invite all ASDC members to join us for our 2010 AGM, which this year takes place alongside the British Science Festival in Birmingham.

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### Save the Date!

#### **The Dortmund Dinner - Ecsite Conference**

***Wednesday 2 June 2010, Dortmund, Germany***

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Ecsite conference in Dortmund in the first week of June, and would like to invite all the UK participants to dinner after the Speakers' Reception on Wednesday 2 June.

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### Text Workshop Training Event

***Tuesday 18 May 2010, London***

The next Text Workshop is on Tuesday 18 May 2010 at The Geffrye Museum, London. This intensive course will help you bring your writing to life, covering top tips that can quickly make your text more accessible, appealing and effective at getting your message across.

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### Free one-day conference to showcase best practice in engaging isolated over 60s

***Tuesday 25 May 2010, Chatham Maritime, Kent***

The Group for Education in Museums (GEM) is holding a free one-day conference in which they hope to pass on their knowledge and experience to others working in the housing, care and heritage sectors. It is free for anyone interested in improving older people's health, confidence and quality of life through heritage learning.

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## Life celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year

**Thursday 17 June 2010, Newcastle**

As part of its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Life Science Centre in Newcastle has a series of special events planned, including an Anniversary Lecture with renowned evolutionary biologist, Professor Richard Dawkins.

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## FREE Evaluation workshop for STEM providers

**21 July in Newcastle, 2 September in Bristol, 6 September in Birmingham**

The Royal Academy of Engineering and the British Interactive Group (BIG) are working together to offer active seminars supporting you as STEM providers in understanding and implementing effective evaluation. There are 3 workshops being hosted across the UK and all are provided completely free of charge.

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## Professional Development Workshops

**The Exploratorium, Institute for Inquiry, San Francisco, USA**

Dates of the Exploratorium's latest workshops are now available. Workshops include 'Fundamentals of Inquiry' which explores ways to support classroom teachers, and 'Assessing for Learning' which provides an in-depth overview of formative assessment as an integral part of science teaching.

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## Cheltenham Science Festival

Tickets are now available for the renowned Cheltenham Science Festival – this year exploring the theme of 'Decadence' and featuring guest directors Professor Brian Cox and chef Heston Blumenthal.

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