



Looking for Life: Adventures and Misadventures in Species Exploration (A half-day Symposium on Strange Wanderings and Beautiful Discoveries)

Each year the International Institute for Species Exploration at Arizona State University holds a public symposium on its work and, with the Linnean Society of London, announces the winner of the Linnaean Legacy Award. This year's symposium—held on the eve of Darwin's two hundredth birthday—will focus on the joys and pains of finding new species. We're calling it *Looking for Life: Adventures and Misadventures in Species Exploration*. We'll hear about new developments in SCUBA technology that allows divers to explore species on deep-ocean reefs in the Pacific, the search for beetles in the Caribbean, the Peruvian Andes, and Madagascar, a nearly disastrous expedition to Brazil to identify new plant species, and a career-long search for trilobites that took one paleontologist from the high Arctic to the Australian outback.

This year's Linnean Legacy Award recipient is Richard Fortey, a noted paleontologist at London's Natural History Museum. In addition to his highly regarded work in species discovery, Fortey is an award-winning science writer. His books include *Life: An Unauthorised Biography* and *Earth: An Intimate History*. He is a recipient of the Royal Society Michael Faraday Prize for science communication and Rockefeller University's Lewis Thomas Prize for Writing about Science. His latest popular work is a scientific memoir entitled *Dry Storeroom #1*.

The Master of Ceremonies is Robert Krulwich, a correspondent from National Public Radio's Science Desk. Krulwich won national Emmys for his ABC special on the cultural history of the Barbie Doll, and his reporting on Internet privacy. He is also the recipient of a Science Excellence in Television Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science for reporting on the human genome.

Symposium Schedule

(All talks will be in the Turquoise Ballroom, MU 220, in the Memorial Union)

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| 12:30–1:00 | <i>Welcome and Introduction to the Looking for Life Project</i>
Quentin Wheeler, Arizona State University |
| 1:00–1:30 | <i>Taxonomic Adventures in the Realm of Little Brown Beetles</i> |

Joe McHugh, Cornell University

1:30–2:00 *Daisies, Data, and Close Calls: To Tapuí and Back*
Vicki Funk, Smithsonian Institution

2:15–2:30 Break (Light Refreshments Served)

2:30–3:00 *Gondwanan Odysseys and Taxonomic Adventures*
Kipling Will, UC Berkeley

3:30–4:00 *Exploring Life on the Edge of Darkness*
Richard Pyle, Hawaii Biological Survey

4:00–5:00 **Second Annual IISE-Linnean Society of London Legacy
Lecture**
Around the World in Eighty Trilobites
Richard Fortey, British Museum

5:00–5:15 *Interview with Richard Fortey*
Robert Krulwich, National Public Radio

5:15–5:45 *Questions for the Panel*