

Award Winners 1966-2026

2026

Dr Katharine Giles Award for best new academic voice – supported by the Dr Katharine Giles Fund

Vanessa Drevenakova, PhD student, Imperial College London

Feature of the Year – general audience

David Robson, Why honing your sense of smell could keep you sharp as you age, New Scientist

Feature of the Year – specialist audience

Margaret Harris, The physics Nobel prizes you've never heard of, Physics World

Newcomer of the Year - supported by the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI)

Sophie Berdugo, Staff Writer, Live Science

News Analysis of the Year

Anjana Ahuja, The Science of Starvation, Financial Times

News Item of the Year

Clare Carlile, Ellie O'Donnell & Crispin Dowler, Staff Shortages Have Forced Major Cuts to Environment Agency Water Quality Monitoring, Internal Documents Reveal, DeSmog/Unearthed

Opinion Piece or Editorial of the Year

Natasha Loder, RFK's loopy approach to vaccines endangers Americans, The Economist

Research Policy or Funding Story of the Year

Deborah Cohen & Margaret McCartney, Our Future Health: consent, clinical risk, and commercial influences in the UK's largest health research programme, The BMJ

The Royal Society Audio Award – supported by The Royal Society

Sandra Kanthal, Natasha Loder, Gemma Newby & Nico Raufast, Science under siege, The Economist

Steve Connor Award for investigative science journalism – in memory of science journalist Steve Connor

Paul Eccles, Angela Milivojevic, Rachel Schraer & Fiona Walker, The new snake oil: antivenoms that are as useless as water, TBIJ, The Guardian, El País, Mail & Guardian, The Cable (Nigeria), Tanzanian Guardian

Video of the Year

Shamini Bundell, Would ChatGPT hire you? Your age and gender matter, Nature.com/YouTube

Lifetime Achievement Award

Martin Ince, Freelance and former Chair of the ABSW

2025

Dr Katharine Giles Award for best popular article written by a scientist, technologist or engineer - supported by the Dr Katharine Giles Fund

Jack Goulder, Medical Doctor, NHS

Feature of the Year – general audience

Tess McClure, The great abandonment: what happens to the natural world when people disappear?, The Guardian

Feature of the Year - specialist audience

Nisha Gaing, After the genocide: what scientists are learning from Rwanda, Nature

Newcomer of the Year - supported by the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI)

Maeve Cullinan, Global Health Security reporter, The Daily Telegraph

News Analysis of the Year

Slavea Chankova, Coming into focus: Researchers are starting to question if ADHD should be seen as a disorder, The Economist

News Item of the Year

Robin Andrews, The Search for What Shook the Earth for Nine Days Straight, Quanta Magazine

Opinion Piece or Editorial of the Year

Oliver Morton, A place to talk about cooling the Earth, The Economist (The World Ahead supplement)

Research Policy or Funding Story of the Year

Elizabeth Gibney, CERN prepares to expel Russian scientists — but won't completely cut ties, Nature

The Royal Society Audio Award - supported by The Royal Society

Sandra Kanthal, Natasha Loder, Mila's Legacy, BBC Radio 4

Steve Connor Award for investigative science journalism - in memory of science journalist Steve Connor

Sophie Borland, UK government's nutrition advisers are paid by world's largest food companies, BMJ analysis reveals, The BMJ

Video of the Year

Victoria Gill, Kevin Church, Kate Stephens, Where the Polar Bears Wait, BBC News channel, BBC Iplayer and BBC 2

Lifetime Achievement Award

Clive Cookson, Financial Times Senior Science Writer

2024

British Science Journalist of the Year

Jonathan O'Callaghan, Freelance

Dr Katharine Giles Award for best popular article written by a scientist or engineer

Arwyn Edwards, Reader in Biosciences, Aberystwyth University

Editor of the Year

Victoria English, Editor, MedNous (a publication of Evernow Publishing Ltd)

Feature of the Year: general audience

Tomas Weber, The inventor who fell in love with his AI, 1843 magazine, The Economist (Apr 4, 2023)

Feature of the Year: specialist audience

Aisling Irwin, Can the Netherlands' artificial islands lead the way to rewilding the planet?, Nature (Apr 26, 2023)

Newcomer of the Year

Miryam Naddaf, Retained Correspondent, Nature

News Analysis or Explanatory Reporting

Paul Tullis, Nitrogen wars: the Dutch farmers' revolt that turned a nation upside-down, The Guardian (Nov 16, 2023)

News Item of the Year

Jessica Hamzelou, Three-parent baby technique could create babies at risk of severe disease, MIT Technology Review (Mar 2, 2023)

Opinion Piece or Editorial of the Year

Tom Whipple, The Lessons of Lockdown, The Times (Mar 20, 2023)

Research Policy or Funding Story of the Year

Philip Ball, How to regulate human-embryo science, Nature (May 11, 2023)

Royal Society Audio Award

Simon Maybin, John Sudworth & Richard Vadon, Fever: the Hunt for Covid's Origin, BBC Radio 4 (May 30, 2023)

Steve Connor Award for Investigative Science Journalism

Rosa Furneaux, Laura Margottini, Paul Eccles & Chrissie Giles, The drug was meant to save children's lives. Instead, they're dying, The Bureau of Investigative Journalism (Jan 25, 2023)

Video of the Year Award

Shamini Bundell, Nick Petrić Howe & Noah Baker, How would a starfish wear trousers? Science has an answer, YouTube, Nature.com, Social Media (Nov 1, 2023)

Lifetime Achievement Award

Debora McKenzie, Freelance Science Journalist

2023

British Science Journalist of the Year

Ian Sample, The Guardian

Dr Katharine Giles award for best popular article written by a scientist or engineer

Azadeh Emadi, The magic of touch: how deadblind people taught us to ‘see’ the world differently during Covid, Insights – The Conversation

Editor of the Year

Katy Evans, IFLScience.com

Feature of the Year – general audience

Charlotte Jee, Technology that lets us ‘speak’ to our dead relatives has arrived. Are we ready? MIT Technology Review

Feature of the Year – specialist audience

Dawn Connelly, ‘My whole world changed’: the repulsive smells that linger for months post Covid, The Pharmaceutical Journal

Newcomer of the Year

Simar Bajaj, Freelance

News Analysis or Explanatory Reporting of the Year

Jessica Hamzelou, A battle is raging over long covid in children, MIT Technology Review

News Item of the Year

Jo Marchant, First known map of night sky found hidden in Medieval parchment, Nature

Opinion Piece or Editorial of the Year

Anjana Ahuja, Science should beware being drawn into the asylum seeker debate, Financial Times

Science Podcast of the Year – new award for 2022

Geoff Marsh and Noah Baker, Recreating the lost sounds of spring, Nature.com

Research Policy or Funding Story of the Year

Andrew Silver, Polar research: Frozen out, Research Europe

Royal Society Audio Award

Leana Hosea, Rachel Salvidge, Emma Campbell, Alasdair Cross, Dimitri Houtart, Costing the Earth: Britain's Dark Waters, BBC Radio 4 and BBC Sounds

Stephen White Award for reporting of science in a non-science context

Amanda Ruggeri, Male postnatal depression: Why men struggle in silence, BBC Worklife

Steve Connor Award for Investigative Journalism

Emma Howard and Crispin Dowler, Satellites reveal widespread burning on England's protected peatlands, despite government ban, Unearthed

Video of the Year Award

Melissa Hogenboom and Pierangelo Pirak, Split at Birth: Twins divided, BBC TV News, iPlayer and BBC Reel

2022

British Science Journalist of the Year

Clive Cookson, Financial Times

Editor of the Year

Joint winners:

Helen Pearson, Nature

Sarah Richardson, Research Professional News

Feature of the Year – general audience

Zoe Flood, Inside the Botswana lab that discovered Omicron, Al Jazeera Digital

Feature of the Year – specialist audience

Kerri Smith, Heidi Ledford and Richard Van Noorden, Starting up in Science: Two researchers. Three years. One pandemic. Nature

News Analysis or Explanatory Reporting of the Year

Alok Jha, Surface to air, The Economist

News Item of the Year

Robin Bisson and Sophie Inge, UKRI to cut support for aid-funded research projects, Research Professional News

Royal Society Audio Award

Anand Jagatia and Caroline Steel, If a tree falls in a forest... does it make a sound? BBC World Service

Video of the Year Award

Richard Hollingham and Jamie Partridge, LEO: The Story of the World's First Business Computer, YouTube (The Centre for Computing History)

Steve Connor Award for Investigative Journalism

Crispin Dowler and Laurent Gaberell, The Paraquat Papers: How Syngenta's bad science helped keep the world's deadliest weedkiller on the market, Unearthed

Stephen White Award for reporting of science in a non-science context

Helen McArdle, Variant has made herd immunity through vaccination 'mathematically impossible' in Scotland, Herald on Sunday

Opinion Piece or Editorial of the Year

Philip Ball, The big idea: Should scientists run the country? The Guardian

Research Policy or Funding Story of the Year

Sophie Inge, Research funding: Forgotten promises, Research Professional News

The Dr Katharine Giles award for best popular article written by a scientist or engineer

Bonnie Waring, Imperial College London, There aren't enough trees in the world to offset society's carbon emissions – and there never will be, The Conversation

Podcast of the Year – new award for 2022

Alok Jha, Jason Hosken, Hannah Marinho, Nico Raufast, Goodbye darkness, my old friend – satellite constellations are alarming astronomers, Babbage Podcast, The Economist

Newcomer of the Year

Rosa Furneaux, The Bureau of Investigative Journalism

Lifetime Achievement Award

Judith Hann, Science Journalist and Presenter

2021

British Science Journalist of the Year

Tom Chivers, UnHerd

Editor of the Year

Fiona Godlee, The BMJ

Feature of the Year – general audience

Alice Klein, Rethinking Miscarriage, New Scientist

Feature of the Year – specialist audience

David Robson, Vaccinating against viruses of the mind, freelance for The Psychologist

Newcomer of the Year

Sabrina Weiss, Freelance/Wired UK

News Analysis or Explanatory Reporting of the Year

Tom Whipple, Safe to send children back? The Times

News Item of the Year

Heidi Ledford, Coronavirus shuts down trials of drugs for multiple other diseases, Nature

NUJ Stephen White Award for communication and reporting of science in a non-science context

Robin Francis, Doctor gives six reasons to be optimistic about coronavirus, YouTube

Opinion Piece or Editorial of the Year

Anjana Ahuja, Would it be better to divert early booster shots to the unprotected? Freelance for the Financial Times

Research Policy or Funding Story of the Year

Maria Delaney, On social welfare, unable to buy a house: The reality facing Ireland's academics, Notworthy.ie

Royal Society Audio Award

Kevin Fong with Andrew Luck-Baker and Rami Tzabar, 13 Minutes to the Moon Season 2 – Death of the Odyssey 2, BBC World Service

Steve Connor Award for Investigative Journalism

Chrissie Giles with Madlen Davies, Rosa Furneaux, Ben Stockton, Ben Du Preez, Stretched, secret supply chains hold Covid-19 patients' lives in the balance, Bureau of Investigative Journalism

Video Story of the Year

Noah Baker, David Castelvechi, Dan Fox, Inside Japan's Big Physics / Part One: Super Kamiokande, Nature/YouTube

The Dr Katharine Giles award for best popular article written by a scientist or engineer

Sheena Cruickshank, Inflammation: the key factor that explains vulnerability to severe Covid, The Conversation

Lifetime Achievement Award

Wendy Barnaby, Science Journalist and Author

2020

British Science Journalist of the Year – sponsored by ABPI

Oliver Morton, The Economist

Editor of the Year

Leo Hickman, Carbon Brief

Engineering or Technology Story of the Year – sponsored by BIVDA

Liam Drew, Agency and the Algorithm, Nature

News Analysis or Explanatory Reporting of the Year

Emma Howard and Georgie Johnson, Life support: How bugs put food on the table, Unearthed, Greenpeace

Opinion Piece or Editorial of the Year

Eva Amsen, Genetic medicine is poised to create new inequality. Here's how to fix it, Undark

Research Policy or Funding Story of the Year

Ehsan Masood, How China is redrawing the map of world science, Nature

The Steve Connor Award for investigative journalism – sponsored by UK Research and Innovation

Benedikt Heubl, Lithium firms depleting vital water supplies in Chile, Engineering and Technology

Video Story of the Year

Victoria Gill, Jemma Cox, David Cheeseman, Linda Sills, Alison Francis: producer. Our World: In the shadow of Chernobyl, BBC News

Feature of the Year – general

Michael Le Page, Infectious Optimism, New Scientist

Feature of the Year – specialist

Gayathri Vaidyanathan, India's tigers seem to be a massive success story – many scientists aren't sure, Nature

News Item of the Year

Debora MacKenzie, We may finally know what causes Alzheimer's - and how to stop it, New Scientist

The Royal Society Audio Award

Melanie Brown, Louisa Field, Eleni Hassabis and Marnie Chesterton, Why can't I remember my accident?, CrowdScience BBC World Service

Innovation of the year

Simon Evans and Rosamund Pearce, How the UK transformed its electricity supply in just a decade, Carbon Brief

The NUJ Stephen White Award for communication and reporting of science in a non-science context - This award is made in memory of Stephen White, a highly influential science communicator who sadly died in 2010. The award is possible due to a donation from Stephen's widow Elizabeth.

Oliver Morton, Remembering a robot, The Economist

The Dr Katharine Giles award for best popular article written by a scientist or engineer - This award is supported by the [Dr Katharine Giles Fund](#).

Anna Henschel, Can really *everyone* be a data scientist?, Glasgow Insight Into Science & Technology

Newcomer of the Year

Annabelle Timsit, Quartz

Science Under the Microscope award – sponsored by IBM Research Europe

Dimitri Houtart, Jheni Osman, Anne-Marie Bullock, Alasdair Cross, Costing the Earth: The e-DNA revolution, BBC Radio 4

Lifetime achievement award

Robin McKie, The Observer

2019

British science journalist of the year

Joint winners:

Catherine Brahic, Science correspondent at The Economist

Katia Moskvitch, Business and space editor, Wired UK, CondeNast

Editor of the year (new award in 2019)

Amit Katwala, Freelance Editor, [*Professional Engineering*](#)

The Steve Connor Award for investigative journalism

Team entry: **Madlen Davies**, **Rahul Meesaraganda** and **Ben Stockton**. [*A game of chicken: How Indian poultry farming is creating global superbugs*](#). First published on The Bureau of Investigative Journalism website, and subsequently in The Times, The Lancet Journal of Infectious Diseases and The Hindu.

Feature of the year – general (new award in 2019)

Hal Hodson. [*The network within, the network without*](#). First published in The Economist.

Feature of the year – specialist (new award in 2019)

Alex Riley (freelance). [*How a wooden bench in Zimbabwe is starting a revolution in mental health*](#). First published by Mosaic, Wellcome

News item of the year

Hannah Devlin. [*Scientists set to grow miniature brains using Neanderthal DNA*](#). First published in The Guardian

The Royal Society Radio Prize

Team entry: Producer – **Jim Taylor**, Presenter - **Anna Foster**, Multi-media Producer - **Nick Garnett**, Assistant Editor - **Clare Fordham**. [*BBC Radio 5 Live - Women of Nasa*](#). Three hour live outside broadcast on BBC Radio 5 Live.

Scripted or edited TV programme or online video of the year

Team entry: Video producer - **Jennifer Green**, Animator - **Jules Bartl**, Voice-over/scripting - **Marnie Chesterton**. [How trees secretly talk to each other](#). First broadcast by CrowdScience (online), BBC World Service

Innovation of the year (new award in 2019)

Joint winners:

Team entry: **Noah Baker, George Glover, Eti Meacock, Bori Mezo**. [The tale of the Edith's Checkerspot: Butterflies in an evolutionary trap](#). First broadcast by Nature (online). [Behind the scenes video exploring how the film was made](#).

Team entry: Science Editor - **Robert McSweeney**, Multimedia Journalist - **Rosamund Pearce**, Digital Content Manager – **Thomas Harrison**, Junior Content Producer – **Tom Prater**. [The impacts of climate change at 1.5C, 2C and beyond](#). First published by Carbon Brief (online).

The NUJ Stephen White Award for communication and reporting of science in a non-science context - This award is made in memory of Stephen White, a highly influential science communicator who sadly died in 2010. The award is possible due to a donation from Stephen's widow Elizabeth.

Clive Cookson. [Scientists discover the origins of gold in space](#). First published in the Financial Times Watches & Jewellery Special Report

The Dr Katharine Giles science blog award - This award is supported by the [Dr Katharine Giles Fund](#).

Team entry: PhD Students - **Mark Kearney, Arendse Lund, Josephine Mills** and **Anna Pokorska**. [UCL Researchers in Museums Blog](#)

Newcomer of the Year

Mary Halton, Assistant Editor TED Conferences/Freelance, for work first published by BBC News online

Student science journalist of the year

Kirstin Leslie, University of Glasgow. [Digital pills: Big Data or Big Brother?](#) First published in TheGIST.

Science under the microscope award

Quirin Schiermeier. [Climate as Culprit](#). First published in Nature

Lifetime achievement award

Sir Philip Campbell, Editor-in-Chief Springer Nature

2018

Best student science journalist

Katie Ember, University of Edinburgh for "[Cosmic Heartbeats: the discovery of pulsars](#)" published by EUSci (Edinburgh University's science magazine)

Best newcomer award

Eleni Courea, Reporter, Research Fortnight

Dr Katharine Giles Science blog award

Andy Brunning for [Compound Interest](#)

The NUJ Stephen White Award for best communication and reporting of science in a non-science context

Kat Arney for "[Algorithm's gonna get you](#)" published by Times Educational Supplement

Best investigative journalism

Hannah Devlin for "[NHS data reveals 'scandal' of vaginal mesh removal rate](#)" published by The Guardian

The Royal Society Radio Prize: A prize for the best scripted/edited radio programme or podcast, supported by The Royal Society

Team: **Producer - Michelle Martin, Presenter - Frank Swain** for "[Meet the Cyborgs](#)" broadcast on BBC Radio 4

Special mention: BBC World Service Strand 'Crowdscience'

Best scripted/edited television programme or online video

Team: **Producer & Presenter – Victoria Gill, Cameraman and editor - David Cheeseman** for "[Songbirds for sale](#)" a BBC news production broadcast on BBC News Channel and BBC World News Channel

Best news item

Team: **Reporter - James Gallagher, Producer - Nicki Stiastry** for "Huntington's breakthrough may stop disease" broadcast on BBC News At Ten

Best feature

Alison Abbott for "[Venice gets a time machine](#)" published in Nature

&

Heidi Ledford for "[Cancer's cruel chimeras](#)" published in Nature

British entrant to European Science Writer of the Year/British Science Writer of the Year

[Hal Hodson](#), technology correspondent at The Economist

Champion of science award

Team: **Series Editor - Steve Crabtree, Series Producer - Rob Liddell, Producer/Director - Toby Macdonald, Assistant Producer - Victoria Weaver** for “[Horizon: Goodbye Cassini - Hello Saturn](#)” a BBC Studios for BBC2 and Discovery Science Channel production, broadcast on BBC 2

Lifetime Achievement in Science Journalism

This award was made posthumously to **Steve Connor** former Science Editor of the Independent who sadly died in 2017.

European Science Writer of the Year

Winner

Eva Wolfangel, Freelance (Germany), nominated by German Science Journalists' Association (WPK) - [read Eva's submitted work translated to English](#)

Finalists

Martin Enserink, International News Editor, Science (The Netherlands), nominated by Vereniging voor Wetenschapsjournalistiek en-communicatie Nederland (VWN) - [read Martin's submitted work translated to English](#)

Nathaniel Herzberg, Science journalist, Le Monde (France), nominated by Association des journalistes scientifiques de la presse d'information (AJSPI) - [read Nathaniel's submitted work translated to English](#)

2017

European Science Writer of the Year

Winner:

Hester van Santen, science journalist NRC media, Dutch Science Writer of the Year nominated by VWN

Special mention:

Ivan Cadjenovic, Journalist, Independent daily newspapers “Vijesti”, Montenegrin Science Writer of the Year nominated by the Association of Science Journalists of Montenegro

Finalists:

Spiros Kitsinelis, freelance and scientific collaborator of Science View, Greek Chemist Association and SKAI radio, Greek Science Writer of the Year nominated by Science View

Kata Karáth, freelance, Hungarian Science Writer of the Year nominated by Tudományos Újságírók Klubja (Club of Hungarian Science Journalists)

Jürgen Langenbach, Science Correspondent, Die Presse, Austrian Science Writer of the Year nominated by Klub der Bildungs - und WissenschaftsjournalistInnen

Andrey Vaganov, deputy editor-in-a-chief of "Nezavisimaya Gazeta"("Independent"), executive editor of "NG-Science" (monthly supplement), Russian Science Writer of the Year nominated by Russian Association for Science Writers "Intellect"

Maria Bolevich, freelance, Montenegrin Science Writer of the Year nominated by Balkan Network of Science Journalists in Montenegro

Luiza Vasiliu, reporter at Casa Jurnalistului/editor at Scena9, Romanian Science Writer of the Year nominated by Balkan Network of Science Journalists in Romania

Vedrana Simcevic, reporter Novi list, Croatian Science Writer of the Year nominated by Balkan Network of Science Journalists in Croatia

Vasiliki Michopoulou, freelance, Greek Science Writer of the Year nominated by the International Science Writers Association

Wociecz Mikoluszko, freelance, Polish Science Writer of the Year nominated by Polish Association of Science Journalists (Naukowi.pl)

Esther Paniagua, freelance, Spanish Science Writer of the Year nominated by Asociación Española de Comunicación Científica (AECC) Spanish Association of Science Communication

Lise Barneoud, freelance, French Science Writer of the Year nominated by AJSPI

Anthony King, freelance, Irish Science Writer of the Year nominated by Irish Science & Technology Journalists' Association

Jessica Hamzelou, reporter New Scientist, British Science Writer of the Year nominated by the Association of British Science Writers

The best feature

Winner:

Jane Qiu for, [Trouble in Tibet](#), published in Nature

Special mention:

Alexandra Witze for, [On the hunt for a mystery planet](#), published in Nature

The best news item - now open to broadcast journalists

Winner:

Jo Marchant for, [Human skeleton found on famed Antikythera wreck](#), published in Nature

The best scripted/edited television programme or online video

Winner:

[Why there could be many identical copies of you](#) broadcast on BBC Earth. Idea originated and scripted by Melissa Hogenboom. Video production, editing and special effects by Pierangelo Pirak.

The Royal Society Radio Prize (NB: A prize for the best scripted/edited radio programme or podcast)

Winner:

[The whale menopause](#), broadcast on BBC Radio 4. Presented by Victoria Gill. Produced by Andrew Luck-Baker.

Special mention:

The science hour: Gravitational wave discovery, broadcast on the BBC World Service. Produced by Adrian Washbourne. Presented by Claudia Hammond. Reporting by Aleem Maqbool.

The best investigative journalism

Winner:

Maria Cheng and Krista Larson for, [Botching yellow fever](#), published by the Associated Press

The NUJ Stephen White Award for best communication and reporting of science in a non science context. This Award is made in memory of Stephen White, a highly influential science communicator who sadly died in 2010. The Award is possible due to a donation from Stephen's widow Elizabeth.

Winner:

Warren Manger for, [Three heroes of '66 have dementia](#), published in the Daily Mirror

The Dr Katharine Giles science blog award. This Award is supported by the Dr Katharine Giles Fund

Winner:

Benjamin Thompson and Anand Jagatia, [Microbe Post](#), published The Microbiology Society

The best newcomer award

Winner:

Max Sanderson, Freelance audio producer and writer

The best student science journalist - new award for 2017

Winner:

Julia Gottwald, PhD Psychiatry, University of Cambridge, for [Does your brain have a sex?](#), published in BlueSci

Lifetime achievement in science journalism

Andy Coghlan, Senior reporter, New Scientist

2016

European Science Writer of the Year 2016

Winner: Spanish Science Writer of the Year, Michele Catanzaro, a freelance science journalist nominated by Asociacion Española de Comunicacion Cientifica, AECC (Spanish Association of Scientific Communication) & Associació Catalana de Comunicació Científica - ACCC (Catalan Association for Science Communication, Spain)

Highly Commended: French Science Writer of the Year, Stéphane Foucart, a Journalist for the daily French newspaper Le Monde nominated by Association des journalistes scientifiques de la presse d'information

Other Country nominees (each nominee becomes science writer of the year in their nominating country)

Austrian Science Writer of the Year – Elisabeth Schneyder, freelance, nominated by the Austrian Association of Education and Science Journalists

Danish Science Writer of the Year – Jens Ramskov, Journalist at Ingeniøren, nominated by the Danish Science Journalists Association

Dutch Science Writer of the Year – Aliette Jonkers, freelance, nominated by VWN, the Dutch national association for science journalism and communication

Estonian Science Writer of the Year – Arko Olesk, freelance, nominated by the Estonian Association of Science Journalists

Greek Science Writer of the Year – Spiros Kitsinelis, science communicator, nominated by Science View (Greece)

Irish Science Writer of the Year – Claire O'Connell, freelance, nominated by the

Irish Science & Technology Journalists' Association (ISTJA)

Serbian Science Writer of the Year – Slobodan Bubnjevic, Editor-in-chief, ELEMENTI, nominated by Mreza Naucnih Novinara, Serbia (The Science Journalist Network)

UK Science Writer of the Year – Steve Connor, freelance (former science editor the Independent), nominated by the Association of British Science Writers

ABSW Science Writers' Awards for Britain and Ireland 2016 – shortlists in all categories (links to winning pieces are provided where available)

Best feature

Natasha Loder, [The age of the red pen: It is now easy to edit the genomes of plants, animals and humans](#), published in the *Economist*, 22/08/2015

Best news item

Michael Le Page, [Earth now halfway to warming limit](#), published in *New Scientist*, 01/08/2015

Best scripted/edited television programme or online video

Joint Winners

Team entry: BBC Science Series Editor: **Steve Crabtree**. Series Producer: **Paul King**. Producer and Director: **Peter Leonard**. Researcher: **Claudia Woolston**. [Horizon - OCD: A monster in my mind](#). First broadcast *BBC Two* 26/08/2015

Team entry: Director: **Thom Hoffman**. Producer: **Lizzie Crouch**. Animator: **Patrick Koduah**. Animator: **Victor Opeyokun**. [Malaria: How can changing the built environment reduce cases?](#) First broadcast Health Check on *BBC World News TV* 11/05/2015

The Royal Society Radio Prize (NB: A prize for the best scripted/edited radio programme or podcast, supported by The Royal Society):

Team: Writer and presenter: **James Piercy**. Producer: **Toby Murcott**. [My Head](#). *Pier Production for BBC Radio 4 and World Service*. First broadcast 06/05/20

Best investigative journalism

Team entry: **Maria Cheng & Raphael Satter**. [Botching Ebola](#), published by *Associated Press*, 20/03/2015

The NUJ Stephen White Award for best communication and reporting of science in a non science context. This Award is made in memory of Stephen White a highly influential science communicator who sadly died in 2010. The Award is possible due to a donation from Stephen's widow Elizabeth.

Jennie Agg. [Inside the metabolism room](#) published in the *Good Health* section, *Daily Mail* 29/12/2015

Best newcomer

Faye Kirkland, Freelance

Best student science blog

Sophie McManus, University of Cambridge. [Women in Science - A Call to Arms](#). *Biodetectives* 09/03/2015

Dr Katharine Giles Science blog award. In memory of Dr Katharine Giles, NERC Research Fellow and Lecturer at the Centre for Polar Observation and Measurement (CPOM) at UCL.

Alex Bellos, [Alex Bellos's Adventures in Numberland](#), *The Guardian*

The IOP student science publication award supported by IOP Publishing and the Institute of Physics

Winner

[TheGIST](#) - **The Glasgow Insight into Science and Technology**, University of Glasgow/University of Strathclyde

Runner-up

[The Young Scientists Journal](#), Herts and Essex High School

Lifetime Achievement Award 2016

Deborah Cohen, Editor BBC Radio Science Unit

2015

Best feature

Ewen Callaway, [Tales of the Hobbit](#), published in *Nature*, 22-10-2014

Best news item

Ian Sample, [Revealed: 100 safety breaches at UK labs handling potentially deadly diseases](#), published in *The Guardian*, 04-12-2014.

Best scripted/edited television programme or online video

Team Entry: Executive Producer: **Jonathan Renouf**. Producer Director: **Nathan**

Williams. Presenter: **Michael Mosley.** Researcher: **Shamini Bundell.** [Infested! Living with parasites](#), A BBC Science Production, London for BBC Four. First broadcast 19-02-2014

Highly commended as a short film: Team entry: Director/Editor: **Charlotte Stoddart.** Reporter/Narrator: **Lizzie Gibney.** [Laniakea: Our home supercluster](#), *Nature.com* and the *Nature Video Channel on YouTube*. First broadcast 03-09-2014

The Royal Society Radio Prize (A prize for the best scripted/edited radio programme or podcast, supported by The Royal Society):

Team entry: Performer, Writer/researcher: **Helen Keen.** Writer/researcher: **Miriam Underhill.** Performer: **Peter Serafinowicz.** Producer: **Gareth Edwards,** [It is Rocket Science](#) (Life on Mars, Series 3 Episode 1), *BBC Radio 4*. First broadcast 02-04-2014

Best investigative journalism

Alexander Masters, [A Plutocratic Proposal](#), published in *Mosaic*, the e-magazine for the Wellcome Trust, 27-10-2014

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Team entry: Devised by **James Gallagher** and **Rachael Buchanan** with additional reporting across BBC News, [BBC Day of the Body Clock](#), published and broadcast on all BBC News platforms, 13-05-2014

Best newcomer

Maria Delaney, Freelance

Best student science blog

Matthew Warren, University of Oxford. [Won't somebody please think of the children? Technology and the adolescent brain](#), *Neurobabble*, 02-06-2014

Science blog award supported by Good Thinking

Kat Day, [The Chronicle Flask](#), *the Chronicle Flask*

The IOP student science publication award supported by IOP Publishing and the Institute of Physics

Winner: [Broadsheet](#), Imperial College – Editor-in-Chief: Ben Stockton, Sub Editors: Sophie Reid and Fiona Mashford

Runner Up: [I, Science](#), Imperial College – Co-Editors in Chief: Jennifer Toes and Iona Twaddell and Magazine Editor: Kruti Shrotri

European Science Writer of the Year 2015

Winner: Tanja Rudez, science reporter at Jutarnji List daily, Croatia – nominated by the Croatian Association of Science Journalists

Second: Jop De Vrieze, freelance journalist, The Netherlands – nominated by VWN (Dutch Association of Science Journalists)

Third: Ewen Callaway, senior reporter, Nature, UK – nominated by the Association of British Science Writers

Other Country Nominees:

Network of Science Journalists, based in **Serbia: Nenad Jarić Dauenhauer**, Science reporter at tPortal in Croatia.

Science Writers in **Italy: Elisabetta Tola**, freelance and **Marco Boscolo**, freelance.

AJSPI, Association des journalistes scientifiques de la presse d'information, **France: Rafaële Brillaud**, freelance.

Balkan Association of Science Journalists: Tina Popovic, Reporter at the daily newspaper Vijesti. **Tina Popovic was highly commended by the judges for her investigative journalism.**

Laboratory Times nomination: **Jeremy Garwood**, Freelance.

2014

Best feature

Jessa Gamble, Researcher at Arup for [The End of Sleep?](#) published by **Aeon Magazine** (online), 10-04-2013

Best news item

Ian Sample, Science Correspondent, The Guardian, for *US scientists boycott Nasa conference over China ban* published by **The Guardian**, 05-10-2013

The best scripted/edited television programme or online video

Team Entry: Jacqueline Smith (Executive Producer, BBC Television and Series Producer), **Nathan Budd** (Producer), **James Logan** (Presenter), for *Insect Dissection: How Insects Work* broadcast **BBC Four**, 20-03-2013. The programme was a co-production between BBC Four and Discovery Science.

The Royal Society Radio Prize supported by the Royal Society

(NB: A prize for the best scripted/edited radio programme or podcast):

Team Entry: Anne McNaught (BBC Radio Scotland Producer) and **Euan McIlwraith** (Presenter) for [*Scotland's Wildlife: Supporting Native Species*](#), broadcast **BBC Schools Radio, Scotland**, 26-09-2013

Best investigative journalism

Team Entry: Mike Power (Writer), **Bobbie Johnson** (Editor), **Kristen French** (Fact checker), **Tim Heffernan** (Copy editor) for *Uncontrolled Substances* published by **MATTER**, 25-10-2013

The NUJ Stephen White Award for best communication and reporting of science in a non-science context

This Award is made in memory of Stephen White a highly influential science communicator who sadly died in 2010. The Award is possible due to a donation from Stephen's widow Elizabeth.

Christopher White, freelance, for [*The complete guide to DNA for family historians*](#) published by **Your Family Tree Magazine**, 27-03-2013

Best newcomer

[**Joanne O'Dea**](#), Formerly of ScienceBusiness currently Freelance

The Good Thinking student science blog award supported by Good Thinking (new award for 2014)

Sarah Hearne, PhD student, Department of Zoology, Trinity College Dublin, for *Sea Serpents off the Port Bow!* Published by **ecoevoblog.com**, 01-11-2013

Best science blog (new award for 2014)

[**Not Exactly Rocket Science**](#) (Individual Entry) **Ed Yong**. Published by National Geographic

[**Cancer Research UK Science Blog**](#) (Team Entry) Editorial Team: **Henry Scowcroft**, **Kat Arney**, **Oliver Childs**, **Nick Peel**. Published by Cancer Research UK

The IOP student science publication award supported by IOP Publishing and the Institute of Physics (new award for 2014):

[**theGIST**](#), printed magazine (University of Strathclyde & University of Glasgow). Editors: **Timothy Revell**, **Emilie Steinmark**, **Alan Boyd**

[**Women Rock Science**](#) (online publication). Editor, **Hadiza Mohammed**

Life Time Achievement Award

Lawrence McGinty - Science Correspondent ITN

2013

Judges award for news

Joint winners

Geoff Brumfiel. [Fukushima's doses tallied](#). *Nature*. 23/5/12

and

Ian Sample. [Higgs boson: it's unofficial!](#) Cern scientists discover missing particle. *Guardian*. 4/7/12

Runners up

Declan Butler. [Flu surveillance lacking](#). *Nature*. 28/3/12

Nick Collins. [Carpark skeleton will be confirmed as Richard III](#). *Telegraph*. 15/12/12

Best feature

Winner

Kerri Smith. [The Ground Breaker](#). *Nature*. 6/9/12

Runners up

Catherine de Lange. [My Two Minds](#). *New Scientist*. 5/5/12

Leigh Phillips. [Armed Resistance](#). *Nature*. 30/8/12

Best scripted/edited television programme or online video

Winner

Panorama: The Mind Reader, unlocking my voice. BBC 1. 13/11/12

Team entry: **Eleanor Plowden (assistant producer), Alison Priestley (producer), Frank Simmonds (deputy editor, Panorama), Fergus Walsh (reporter)**

Runners up

The Enemy Within: 50 years of fighting cancer. Available on [Vimeo](#). 4/12/12

Team entry: Vivienne Parry (writer and presenter), Richard Critchlow (Dependable Productions, producer), Kat Arney (research)

Voyager: To the Final Frontier. A BBC Scotland production for BBC 4. 24/10/13

Team entry: Mark Hedgecoe (executive producer), Yvonne Innes (production co-ordinator), Chris Riley (producer/director), Gary Scott (editor)

The Royal Society Radio Prize - A prize for the best scripted/edited radio programme or podcast

Winner

Digital Human. A BBC Scotland Production for BBC Radio 4. 30/4/12

Team entry: **Kate Bissell (producer), Dr Aleks Krotoski (presenter), Victoria McArthur (producer), Peter McManus (producer)**

Runners up

Dear Professor Hawking. A Sweet Talk Productions Programme for BBC Radio 4. 2/1/12

Team entry: Julian Mayers (producer), Peter Nichols (director), Nick Romero (sound designer)

Transit of Venus: Frontiers. BBC Radio 4. 30/5/12

Individual entry: Marek Kukula

Best investigative journalism

Winner

Anil Ananthaswamy. [Do No Harm.](#) www.readmatter.com. 14/11/12

NB: Due to the standard of entries in 2013 the judges decided not to produce a shortlist but just to award a winner there are therefore no runners up

Richard Gregory award for best newcomer

Winner

[Adam Smith](#)

Runners up

[Will Douglas Heaven](#)

[Penny Sarchet](#)

The NUJ Stephen White award for best communication of science in a non science context

Winner

Frank Close. [Sun Block.](#) *Prospect Magazine*. 13/12/12

Runners Up

GM's New Generation: A Countryfile Investigation. BBC 1 TV. 15/7/13

Team entry: Dom Carveley (director), Matthew Gull (producer), Tom Heap (presenter), Helen Shields (researcher)

Michelle Martin. Earworms. BBC Radio 4. 22/10/12

Lifetime Achievement in Science Journalism

Winner

Dick Ahlstrom, Science Editor, The Irish Times (Ahlstrom could not be at the Awards and spoke through a [pre recorded video](#))

2012

Best news item

Winner: Angela Saini

Shortlist:

Debora MacKenzie, Brussels Correspondent, [New Scientist](#). [Five easy steps to bird flu pandemic](#) ([pdf](#)) published in New Scientist 24-09-11.

[Angela Saini](#), Freelance. [The Formula for Justice](#) ([pdf](#)) published in The Guardian 03-10-11

Mico Tatalovic, Deputy News Editor, [SciDev.Net](#). [Forecasters 'warned of Horn of Africa drought' last year](#) ([pdf](#)) published on SciDev.Net 14-07-11

Best feature

Winner: Helen Pearson

Shortlist:

Michael Le Page, Biology Features Editor, New Scientist. [Evolution in the Fast Lane](#) ([pdf](#)) published in New Scientist 02-04-11

Helen Pearson, Chief Features Editor, Nature. [Study of a Lifetime](#) ([pdf](#)) published in Nature 01-03-11

Ed Yong, Freelance. [Master of Illusion](#) ([pdf](#)) published in Nature 07-12-11

Best scripted/edited television programme or online video

Winner: After life: The strange science of decay

Shortlist:

[After Life: The Strange Science of Decay](#). Broadcast on BBC 4 on 06-12-11. Team Entry: George McGavin, Presenter; Fred Hepburn, Producer/Director; Marcus Herbert, Executive Producer ([programme website](#))

[Frontline Medicine](#). Broadcast BBC 2 on 20-11-11. Team Entry: Jane Aldous, Executive Producer; Paul Overton, Series Producer/ Director; Michael Mosley, Presenter ([programme website](#))

[Shock & Awe: The Story of Electricity](#). Episode 2: The age of invention. Broadcast BBC 4 on 13-10-11. Team Entry: Tina Fletcher-Hill, Executive Producer; Steve Crabtree, Series Producer; Jon Eastman, Producer/Director; Jim Al-Khalili, Presenter ([programme website](#))

The Royal Society Radio Prize - A prize for the best scripted/edited radio programme or podcast

Winner: Hearing the past

Shortlist:

[Hearing the Past](#), broadcast BBC Radio 4 on 12-09-11. Individual Entry: Jane Reck, Freelance. [Listen again here](#).

[Mind myths](#), broadcast BBC Radio 4 on 08-11-11. Team Entry: Andrew Luck-Baker, Producer; Claudia Hammond, Presenter. [Listen again here](#).

[Post Mortem](#), broadcast BBC Radio 4 on 14-12-11. Team Entry: Beth Eastwood, Producer and researcher; Geoff Watts, Presenter. [Listen again here](#).

Best investigative journalism

Steve Connor, Science Editor, The Independent. *Big tobacco exposed* ([pdf](#)) published in The Independent 01-09-11

NB: Due to the standard of entries in 2012 the judges decided not to produce a shortlist but just to award a winner.

The Richard Gregory Award for Best newcomer

Winner: James Poskett

Shortlist:

Jessica Hamzelou, Reporter, New Scientist

James Poskett, Freelance reporter

Lisa Raffensperger, Freelance reporter and City University, London, Science Journalism MA Candidate

New for 2012: The NUJ Stephen White Award for best communication of science in a non science context

Winner: Ed Yong

Shortlist:

Cassandra Jardine, Feature Writer, The Daily Telegraph. *The chance discovery that could revolutionise lung cancer treatment* ([pdf](#)) published in the Daily Telegraph 7/11/2011. Sadly, Cassandra Jardine died from lung cancer on 29th May 2012.

Robin McKie, Science Editor, The Observer. *The fine art of medical diagnosis* ([pdf](#)) published in the Observer Review Section 11/09/2011

Ed Yong, Freelance. [How do our bacteria help us? Broadcast on Four Thought](#), BBC Radio 4 19/10/2011

Lifetime Achievement Award

Winner: David Dickson, Editor Scidev.Net

2011

Best News Item

Shaoni Bhattacharya, freelance, for *Tracking the Rhino Killers* ([PDF of winning article](#)) published in New Scientist.

Runners Up:

Steve Connor, Science Editor, The Independent, for [Fabricated Quote used to Discredit Climate Scientist](#) published in The Independent.

Jessica Hamzelou, reporter New Scientist, for *Too Young to Know Better* published in New Scientist

Best feature

Winner:

Shaoni Bhattacharya, freelance for *Murder in the bat cave* ([PDF of winning article](#)) published in New Scientist

Runners Up:

David Adam, [Nature for The Hottest Year](#) published in Nature.

Debora McKenzie, Brussels Correspondent, New Scientist for [Living in Denial: Why sensible people reject the truth](#) published in New Scientist.

Best scripted/edited television programme or online video

Winner:

The Secret Life of Chaos, BBC Four, (Team Entry) Director/ Producer: Nic Stacey, Presenter: Jim Al-Khalili, Executive Producer: Paul Sen (Watch The Secret Life of Chaos on-line)

Runners Up:

Secrets of the Universe, BBC Three, (Team Entry) Presenter: Greg Foot, Director: Daniel Child, Executive Producer: Andrew Cohen, Assistant Producer: Jess Baker

Wonders of the Solar System Episode 1: Empire of the Sun, BBC Two (Team Entry) Presenter: Brian Cox, Producer: Danielle Peck, Executive Producer: Andrew Cohen

New for 2011: The Royal Society Radio Prize - A prize for the best scripted/edited radio programme or podcast

Joint Winners:

The Dog and the Whale, BBC Radio Four, (Individual Entry) Researched, presented and produced by Andrew Luck-Baker (Find out more about this BBC Programme)

The Infinite Monkey Cage, BBC Radio Four, (Team Entry) Presenter: Robin Ince, Presenter: Brian Cox, Producer: Alexandra Feachem (Listen/subscribe to the Podcast)

Runner Up:

Archive on 4: The Feynman Variations, BBC Radio Four, (Individual Entry) Researched, edited and produced by Rami Tzabar, Presenter: Brian Cox

Best investigative journalism

Winner:

Linda Geddes, Reporter, New Scientist, Between Prison and Freedom ([PDF of winning article](#), [PDF of part 2 of the investigation](#)) published in New Scientist

Runners Up:

Philip Carter, Freelance, Deborah Cohen, Assistant Editor, BMJ (Team Entry) WHO and the pandemic flu "conspiracies", published in BMJ

Fred Pearce, Freelance, Leaked climate change emails scientist 'hid' data flaws published in The Guardian

Richard Gregory Award for Best Newcomer

Winner:

Shanta Barley, Freelance (PDF of an article by Shanta)

Runners Up:

Jessica Griggs, Careers Editor, New Scientist

Mico Tatalovic, Deputy News Editor, SciDev.Net

Lifetime Achievement

Fred Pearce, Environment Consultant, New Scientist, Greenwash Blog, The Guardian

The winners of each category were announced at an Awards Ceremony on Friday 8 July in London.

2010

Best news item

John Travis, Europe news editor, *Science*
for 'Scientists Decry "Flawed" and "Horrible" Nationality Tests'. Published in *Science*.

Best feature

Robin McKie, science editor, *the Observer*
for 'Breathing lessons'. Published in *the Observer Magazine*.

and

Helen Pearson, chief features editor, *Nature*
for 'One gene, twenty years'. Published in *Nature*.

Best scripted/edited programme (podcast, radio, TV or online video)

Nick Jordan, Producer/Director, **Adam Rutherford**, presenter, **Jacqueline Smith**, series producer, BBC (team entry)
for 'The Cell' a BBC Scotland Production broadcast on BBC 4 TV.

Best investigative journalism

Peter Aldhous, San Francisco bureau chief, *New Scientist*
for 'How My Genome Was Hacked'. Published in *New Scientist*.

Best newcomer

Helen Thomson, Biomedical news editor, New Scientist.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Geoff Watts, broadcaster and journalist, most recently presenter of BBC Radio 4's Leading Edge.

2009

Best newcomer

Ed Yong

Lifetime achievement

John Gribbin

2006

Best feature on science subject in a national or regional newspaper

David Adam

for "You feel better, but is your carbon offset just hot air?"
published in *The Guardian*, 7 October 2006

Best feature on science subject in a specialist periodical

Ian Stewart

for "Ride the celestial subway"
published in *New Scientist*, 25 March 2006

Best reporting on a science subject

Matthew Chalmers

for "The troubled song of the sand dunes"
published in *Physics World*, November 2006

Best writing on a healthcare bioscience subject

Ian Sample

for "How tobacco farm in Kent could provide a life-saving drug for millions"
published in *The Guardian* on 4 July 2006

Best scripted/edited radio programme on a science subject

Joint Winners:

Andrew Luck-Baker

for "Discovery: Whale falls"
broadcast on BBC World Service, 11 April 2006

Chandrika Nath (with thanks to Julian Mayers)

for "Leprosy - a forgotten disease"
broadcast on BBC Radio 4, 30 August 2006

Best television programme on a science subject

Nicola Cook

for "Horizon: Bye bye planet Pluto"
broadcast on BBC 2 on 22 June 2006

Best science journalism on the World Wide Web

Jonathan Amos

for "Preparing for the next 'Big One'"

published on news.bbc.co.uk, 18 April 2006

Best science writing in a non-science context

Frank Close

for "Raymond Davis"

published in *The Guardian*, 19 June 2006

New voice

*(previously the Young Broadcaster of the Year)
in conjunction with BBC Radio Science*

Anna Lacey

Cambridge University

Parliamentary Science Communicator of the Year

Parliamentary Office of Science & Technology

Judges

Louise Dalziel

Dr Evan Harris MP

Sue Nelson

Dr Sophie Petit-Zeman

Professor David Wark FRS

Dr Ted Nield

Tim Radford

Martin Redfern

Andrew Sugden

Michael White

2005

Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Services to Science Journalism

Sir David Attenborough OM

Best feature on science subject in a national or regional newspaper

John Gribbin

for "Don't Dumb Me Down"

published in *The Guardian* on 8 September 2005

Best feature on science subject in a specialist periodical

Jim Giles

for "The dustiest place on Earth"
published in *Nature* on 14 April 2005

Best journalism on a science subject**David Cohen**

for "I'm on the plane"
published in *New Scientist* on 10 September 2005

Best scripted/edited radio programme on a science subject**Louise Dalziel**

for "The good, the bad & the ugly (programme 1): The plague"
broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on 15 June 2005

Best television programme on a science subject**David Singleton**

for "Global dimming"
broadcast on BBC 2 on 13 January 2005

Best science writing on the World Wide Web**David Dickson, Mike Shanahan, Catherine Brahic, TV Padma & colleagues**

for "Tsunami update"
published on www.SciDev.net on 31 December 2005

Best communication of science in a non-science context**Robin McKie**

for "Bring back stinks and bangs"
published in *New Statesman* on 18 April 2005

Young Broadcaster of the Year in conjunction with BBC Radio Science**Sonja van Renssen****Parliamentary Science Communicator of the Year****Lord Taverne****Judges**

Prof Joe Cann - Department of Earth Sciences, University of Leeds
Dr Graham Easton - GP & Freelance Medical Journalist
Dr Robin Lovell-Badge FRS - MRC National Institute for Medical Research
Dr Evan Harris MP - (Oxford West & Abingdon)
Carlo Massarella - Producer & Director, Windfall Films
Dr Ted Nield - Chairman, ABSW
Tim Radford - Formerly Science Editor, The Guardian
Martin Redfern - Senior Producer, BBC Science Radio

2004

Lifetime achievement award for services to science journalism

Tim Radford

Recently retired Science Editor of *The Guardian*

Best feature on science subject in a national or regional newspaper

Oliver Gillie

for "Sunny D"

published in *The Independent On Sunday* on 25 January 2004

& Tim Radford

for "Touching the Void"

published in *The Guardian* on 22 July 2004

Best feature on science subject in a specialist periodical

Peter Aldhous

for "Borneo is Burning"

published in *Nature* on 11 November 2004

Best journalism on a science subject

Ian Sample & Rob Evans

for "Wired Awake. Provigil is a drug able to keep pilots and combat troops awake for days"

published in *The Guardian* on 29 July 2004

Best scripted/edited radio programme on a science subject

Martin Redfern

for "The New Space Race 3: Humans in Space"

broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on 7 July 2004

Best television programme on a science subject

No award was made in this category

Best science writing on the World Wide Web

Jo Marchant and the team at news@nature.com

for "Flores Man"

published on 'www.nature.com' on 27 October 2004

Best communication of science in a non-science context

Adrian Washbourne

for "Acoustic Shadows"

broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on 14 September 2004

Young Broadcaster of the Year in conjunction with BBC Radio Science

Joanne Lawson

Judges

Steve Connor - The Independent and Independent on Sunday

David Dugan - Windfall Films

Dr Robin Lovell-Badge FRS-MRC National Institute for Medical Research

Andrew Luck-Baker - BBC Radio Science

Dr Averil Macdonald - University of Reading

Gareth Mitchell - Presenter Go Digital & Lecturer in Science Communication, Imperial College London

Dr James Randerson - New Scientist

Prof Nancy Rothwell FRS - University of Manchester

2003

Best feature on a science subject in a national or regional newspaper

Ben Goldacre

for "Never Mind the Facts"

published in *Guardian Life* on 11 December 2003

Best feature on a science subject in a specialist periodical

Claire Ainsworth

for "The Stranger Within"

published in *New Scientist* on 15 November 2003

Best investigative journalism on a science subject

James Randerson

for "Betrayal of Innocence"

published in *New Scientist* on 20 September 2003

Best scripted/edited radio programme on a science subject

Andrew Luck-Baker

for "Discovery: Monstrous Science - Giant Squid"

broadcast on BBC World Service on 10 September 2003

Best television programme on a science subject

Carlo Massarella

for "DNA (Episode 3): The Human Race"

a Windfall Films production broadcast on Channel 4 on 22 March 2003.

Best science writing on the World Wide Web

No award was made in this category.

Best communication of science in a non-science context

John Byrne and **Adam Hart-Davis**

for "Taking the Piss Out of London"

broadcast on BBC Radio 4 and World Service on 9 July 2003.

Judges

Steve Connor from *The Independent* and a winner in last year's awards

Professor Elizabeth Fisher from The Institute of Neurology, UCL

Dr Susan Jebb from MRC Human Nutrition Research

Nicola Jones from *Nature*, one of last year's winners

Dr Toby Murcott from Ketoe Communications & vice-chairman of the ABSW

Dr Jim Thomas from the University of Sheffield

Erika Wright from the BBC Radio Science Unit, another of last year's winners

2002

Best feature on a science subject in a national or regional newspaper

Steve Connor

for "How an experiment to change the colour of a petunia led to a breakthrough in the treatment of cancer and Aids"

published in *The Independent* on 10 August 2002

Best feature on a science subject in a specialist periodical

Nicola Jones

for "Monster ink"

published in *New Scientist* on 14 September 2002

Best news item on a science subject

James Meek

for "Public 'misled by gene hype'"

published in *The Guardian* on 12 March 2002

Best scripted/edited radio programme on a science subject

Roland Pease

for "Discovery: almost like a human (part 1)"

broadcast on BBC World Service on 10 April 2002

Best television programme on a science subject

Elizabeth Tucker

for "Horizon: Archimedes' secret"
broadcast on BBC2 on 14 March 2002

Best science writing on the World Wide Web**Mark Peplow**

for "The science of superheroes"
published online on 13 June 2002 at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/hottopics>

Best communication of science in a non-science context**Erika Wright**

for "Life as a teenager"
broadcast on BBC Radio 4 and World Service on 25 June 2002.

Judges

Pallab Ghosh (Chair)

Tom Clarke, Science Writer, *Nature Professor*

Elizabeth Fisher, Institute of Neurology, UCL

Dr Clare Matterson, Director, Medicine, Society & History, The Wellcome Trust

Tim Radford, Science Editor, *The Guardian*

Frank Simmonds, Senior Producer & Director, Factual Documentaries, Carlton Television

Dr Christine Sutton, Scientific Associate, CERN & Department of Physics, University of Oxford

Adrian Washbourne, Executive Producer, BBC Radio Science

2001**Best feature on a science subject in a national or regional newspaper****Frank Close**

for "Dark side of the moon"
published in *The Guardian* on 9 August 2001

Best feature on a science subject in a specialist periodical**Tom Clarke**

for "Polio's last stand"
published in *Nature* on 18 January 2001

Best news item on a science subject**Rachel Nowak**

for "Disaster in the making"
published in *New Scientist* on 13 January 2001

Best scripted/edited radio programme on a science subject

Adrian Washbourne

for "Frontiers: Perfect pitch"

broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on 9 May 2001

Best television programme on a science subject

Frank Simmonds

for "Organ farm: A world apart"

a Carlton Production in association with Lion's Den & WGBH/Frontline

broadcast on the ITV Network on 10 June 2001

Best science writing on the world wide web

Damian Carrington

for "Terrorist attacks of 11 September"

appeared on www.newscientist.com between 11-19 September 2001

&

Shereen El Feki

for "The heart of the matter"

appeared on www.economist.com on 6 December 2001

Best communication of science in a non-science context

Tim Radford

for "Tell us, Solly"

published in the *London Review of Books* on 20 September 2001

2000

Best feature on a science subject in a national or regional newspaper

James Meek, Science Correspondent, *The Guardian*

for "The X-Factor"

The Guardian, Special Human Genome Supplement, 26 June 2000

Best feature on a science subject in a specialist periodical

Gabrielle Walker, Features Editor, *New Scientist*

Best news item on a science subject

Debora MacKenzie, Europe Correspondent, *New Scientist*

&

Julian Rush, Science Reporter, Channel 4 News

"Hatfield Crash"

Channel 4 News, 18 October 2000

Best scripted/edited radio programme on a science subject

Roland Pease, Producer, BBC Science Radio Unit
"Frontiers: Race for the Higgs"
BBC Radio 4, 1 November 2000

Best television programme on a science subject

Andrew Thompson, Producer, BBC Scotland
"Constant Craving"
BBC2, 30 March 2000

Best communication of science in a non-science context

Dr Philip Ball, Consulting Editor, *Nature*, and Freelance
"More than Meets the Eye"
booklet published in September 2000 to accompany an exhibition at the V&A

Judges

Damian Carrington - *New Scientist*
Steve Connor - *The Independent*
Monica Grady - Natural History Museum
Robin Lovell-Badge - NIMR
Oliver Morton - Freelance
Helen Sewell - BBC
Mark Smith - BBC
Peter Wrobel - Chair, ABSW

1999

Best feature on science subject in a national or regional newspaper

Aisling Irwin, Science Correspondent, *The Daily Telegraph*
for 'Gene Warfare'
published in the *Telegraph Magazine* on 27 March 1999

Best feature on science subject in a specialist periodical

Robert Matthews, Freelance
for 'The power of one'
published in *New Scientist* on 10 July 1999

Best news item on a science subject

Steve Connor, Science Editor, *The Independent*
for 'It is Britain's pre-eminent medical journal. Now its reputation hangs on a single issue', published in *The Independent* on 15 October 1999

Best scripted/edited radio programme on a science subject

Helen Sewell, Broadcast Journalist, BBC Radio Science Unit
for 'Discovery – Armenicum', transmitted on BBC World Service on 14 and 15
December 1999

Best television programme on a science subject

Nigel Henbest, Director of Development & Script Writer, Pioneer Productions
for 'Universe', a series of four films broadcast on Channel 4 on 15, 22, 29 November
and 6 December 1999

&

Steve Ruggi, Producer, BBC Science
for 'Horizon: Skeleton key', broadcast on BBC 2 on 25 March 1999

Best science writing on the World Wide Web

Damian Carrington, Senior Broadcast Journalist, Science & Technology, BBC News
Online
for 'Ariane soars to success', published on BBC News Online on 9 and 10 December
1999

Best communication of science in a non-science context

Oliver Morton, Freelance
for 'The universe is savage', published in Prospect magazine on 19 December 1999

Best feature on science subject in a national or regional newspaper

Aisling Irwin, Science Correspondent, The Daily Telegraph
'Gene Warfare', Telegraph Magazine, 27 March 1999

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"The universe is savage", Prospect magazine on 19 December 1999

1998

Best feature on a science subject in a national or regional newspaper

Dr David Whitehouse, Science Editor, BBC News Online
writing in The Independent

Best feature on a science subject in a specialist periodical

Andrew Coghlan, Reporter, New Scientist

Best news item on a science subject

Clive Cookson, Science and technology Editor, Financial Times

Best scripted/edited radio programme or contribution to a radio programme on a science subject

Grant Sonnex, BBC Natural History Unit

Best television programme or contribution to a television programme on a science subject

Anna Grayson, Freelance

Best communication of science in a non-science context

Dr Roger Highfield, Science Editor, The Daily Telegraph
writing in High Life Magazine.

1997

Roger Highfield

John Forsyth

Olivia Judson

Bettina Lerner

Robin Mckie

Tim Radford

1996

Emily Green

Geoff Watts

Andrew Coghlan

Clare Paterson

Julian Rush

Merilyn Harris

Richard Aedy

1995

Roger Highfield

Johnny Vaughan

Geoffrey Carr

Isabelle Rosin

James Wilkinson

Anne McNaught

Geoff Deehan

Sue Nelson

1994

Clive Cookson

John Forsyth

Marcus Chown

Simon Dickson

David Concar

Ruth Gardiner

Ruaridh Nicholl

1993

Ruth McKernan

Stephanie Pain

Julia Durbin

David Dugan

Steve Connor

Martin Redfern

Stephen Webster

1992

Tim Radford

Nina Hall

Louise Dalziel

John Emsley

John Lynch

Adam Curtis

John Groom

1991

Tom Wilkie

James Baggott

Deborah Cohen

Bettina Lerner

Alexandra Wyke

1990

Nigel Williams

Gail Vines

Sheila Dillon

Vivienne King

Paulette Pratt

Phyllida Brown

1989

Christopher Holme

Stephen Young

Grant Sonnex

Amanda Theunissen

Colin Tudge

Michael Buerk

Louise Dalziel

1988

Nicholas Schoon

Stephanie Pain

Mike Morley

Sharon Kingsman

Derek Braithwaite

Georgina Ferry

Paul Davies

Julian Brown

1987

Roger Highfield

John Maddox

Mick Jackson

Alison Blair

1986

John Webb

Roger Milne

Jonathan Palfreman

Tom Wilkie

Alexandra Wyke

Michael Shaw

1985

Oliver Morton

Mike Salisbury

Ros Herman

Martin Redfern

Steve Connor

1984

Francois Grey

Colin Tudge

Jon Turney

Deborah Cohen

Lawrence McGinty

Gail Vines

1983

Matthew Ridley

Alison Richards

Hilary Henson

Geoff Watts

1982

Robert Walgate

Jenny Bryan

David Dugan

Oliver Morse

1981

Alice Barrass

Paul Markillie

John Newell

Alec Nisbett

1980

Anthony Tucker

Bernard Dixon

Nicholas Humphrey

1979

Oliver Gillie

Stephanie Yanchinski

Ian Kennedy

David Paterson

1978

David Fishlock

Michael O'Donnell

Barry Paine

1977

Nicholas Valery

Anthony Smith

1976

William Osman

Edward Goldwyn

Rodney Tibbs

Michael Kenward

1975

Oliver Gillie

Michael Barnes

Louise Gillie

Frank Walsh

1974

John Gribbin

David Wilson

Judith Hann

Geoff Watts

1973

John Maddox

Alec Nisbett

Geoffrey Lean

Colin Tudge

1972

Angela Croome

Peter Trickett

Michael Rhodes

1971

Jon Tinker

Edward Ashpole

1970

Nicholas Wade

Joseph McKiernan

1969

Graham Chedd

Frank Laws

1968

Peter Fairley

Ian Fazey

1967

John Davy OBE

Judith Hann

1966

Anthony (Phil) Tucker

William Mackie