



“European Cafe Sci”

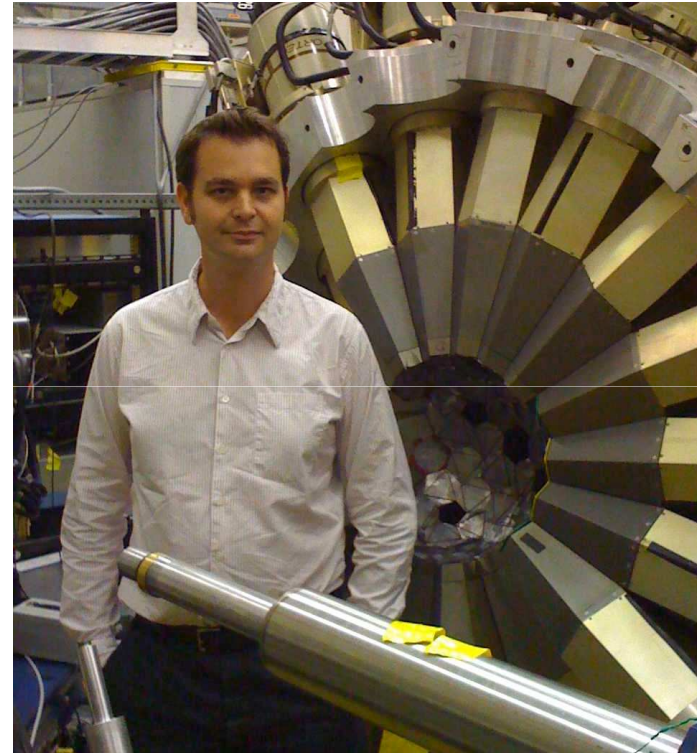
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Public engagement experience

- Extensive experience of public engagement in nuclear/particle physics and astronomy
- Key audiences:
 - Teachers through continuous professional development course provision
 - Schoolchildren through talks, workshops, residential events and **Junior Cafe Sci**
 - General public through talks at major science festivals, TV and radio

Junior Cafe Sci

- Science café held in secondary schools organised by the pupils (with help in finding speakers)
- Real scientists/researchers lead café with 5-10 minute presentation on topic of choice followed by 20-30 minute discussion/debate
- Students have ownership and gain confidence
- Discussion-based learning outside of standard classroom context
- Students confronted with role models of real scientists
- Scientist involvement is highly rewarding
- <http://www.juniorcafesci.org.uk>

Carrying the Junior Cafe Sci concept into Europe



- Build network of national partners who trial the Café scheme
- Use existing UK scheme as model and provide training for participating teachers/scientists
- Involve National Science Learning Centre in York as provider of training

Possible Partners

- Partners could be wide-ranging:
 - Universities – making direct links into local schools
 - Local education authorities
 - National laboratories
 - Industry
 - Media organisations/web providers...