

**The Scientific and Medical Network**  
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**The Royal College of Psychiatrists Spirituality and  
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**BEYOND THE BRAIN VI -  
Memory Beyond the Brain**

**August 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 2005**  
**Conference at the University of Lincoln**

**Beyond the Brain VI** builds on previous conferences addressing the nature of consciousness by considering the nature of memory and especially evidence suggesting that aspects of memory may extend beyond the brain such as near-death experiences, survival of death, children who remember previous lives, memories associated with organ transplants, psychometry, hypnotic states and Rupert Sheldrake's theory of morphic resonance. If such evidence is robust, then it implies a radical extension of conventional theories of memory traces imprinted on the brain, which in turn has implications for our understanding of human life. Beyond the Brain VI brings together an international team of speakers to address these key issues in a spirit of open exploration. We greatly look forward to your participation at Lincoln.

**SPEAKERS**

**Roz Carroll** is a body psychotherapist with a special interest in neuroscience. She is a trainer at the Chiron Centre for Body Psychotherapy and the Minster Centre. She has written, taught and lectured in a variety of contexts, and developed a seminar series on the implications of neuroscience for psychotherapy called 'Emotion and Embodiment'. Details of courses, publications and articles for downloading available on [www.thinkbody.co.uk](http://www.thinkbody.co.uk)

**Prof. John Gruzelier** is Professor of Psychology, Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College London, Charing Cross campus, and established a psychophysiology laboratory specializing in EEG at Charing Cross Hospital in 1977. He is a Fellow of the British Psychological Society, the Royal Society of Medicine, the Royal Society of Arts and Commerce, and the International Organisation of Psychophysiology for which he also serves on the Board of Governors. He is President of the new Society for Applied Neuroscience. He has been the President of the British Psychophysiology Society and the Vice-President of the European Federation of Psychophysiological Societies. He is Co-chair of the Section on Psychoneurobiology of the World Psychiatric Association. He is on

the Council of the British Society for Experimental and Clinical Hypnosis and Royal Society Section on Hypnosis and Psychosomatic Medicine. He was the Co-Editor in Chief of the *International Journal of Psychophysiology* from 1984-2004 and since 2001 has been editor of *Contemporary Hypnosis*. He has over 250 publications on topics including the psychological significance of EEG rhythms, schizophrenia and psychosis-proneness, EEG-biofeedback, hypnosis, and psychological influences on the immune system.

**Dr. Iain McGilchrist** began his academic career as a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, teaching and writing about English literature. He published a book, *Against Criticism*, which tried to articulate his misgivings about the academic study of literature. In an attempt to get a better immediate understanding of 'the mind/body problem', he studied medicine, and trained as a psychiatrist. He has been a Research Fellow in Neuroimaging at Johns Hopkins, as well as a Clinical Director at the Bethlem & Maudsley Hospital, and a Medical Director at the Priory. His current preoccupations are with the cerebral hemispheres, and the relationship between neuropsychology and the phenomenological tradition in philosophy. He is writing a book, entitled *The Master and his Emissary*, on the subject, and what it reveals about the modern condition.

**Gary E. Schwartz**, Ph.D., is Professor of Psychology, Medicine, Neurology, Psychiatry, and Surgery at the University of Arizona, at the main campus in Tucson. In addition to teaching courses on health psychology and mind-body medicine, he is also director of the Human Energy Systems Laboratory. In September 2002 he received a \$1.8 million award from the National Center on Complementary and Alternative Medicine of the National Institutes of Health to create a Center for Frontier Medicine in Biofield Science at the University of Arizona. Gary served as a professor of psychology and psychiatry at Yale University, director of the Yale Psychophysiology Center, and co-director of the Yale Behavioral Medicine Clinic, before moving to Arizona in 1988. He has published more than four hundred scientific papers, has co-edited eleven academic books, and is co-author of three books, *The Living Energy Universe* (1999), *The Afterlife Experiments* (2002), and *The G.O.D. Experiments* (in press). He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, the Society for Behavioral Medicine, and the Academy for Behavioral Medicine Research. His work has been the subject of documentaries and profiles on *Discovery*, *HBO*, *Arts & Entertainment*, *Fox* and the *SciFi Channel*, among others.

**Dr. Pim van Lommel** is a consultant cardiologist who worked for more than 25 years in the Rijnstate Hospital. He is a founder of the International Association for Near Death Studies in the Netherlands and served as its President from 1988-1995. He was the Study Designer and Chief Investigator of prospective and longitudinal study on NDEs in 10 Dutch hospitals 1988-1998, which was published in *The Lancet* in 2001 and created a world-wide interest. He has

lectured internationally in Europe and the United States and has made many media appearances to discuss his study.

**David Lorimer** is Programme Director of the Scientific and Medical Network and Chair of Wrekin Trust. He recently edited *Thinking Beyond the Brain and Science, Consciousness and Ultimate Reality* and his book on the Prince of Wales's philosophy and work – *Radical Prince* - was published in 2003.

## CHAIRS

**Dr. Peter Fenwick** is Emeritus Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Maudsley Hospital and Honorary Consultant Neurophysiologist, St. Thomas's Hospital. He is a President of the Scientific and Medical Network and of the Horizon Research Foundation.

**Dr. Andrew Powell** is a psychiatrist and psychotherapist who formerly held consultant and senior academic appointments in the Health Service. He is co-author with Dr. Bisong Guo of '*Listen to your Body - the Wisdom of the Dao*'. Andrew was founder chair of the Spirituality and Psychiatry Special Interest Group in the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

## PROGRAMME

### Friday 26th August

4:00 onwards: Registration

6:00 Wine Reception

6:45 **Introduction by David Lorimer: *Evidence for Memory Beyond the Brain***

7:30 Dinner

9:00 Speaker Introductions

9:30 **Video conversation with Dr. Rupert Sheldrake, Dr. Peter Fenwick and David Lorimer**

### Saturday 27th August

7:45 Meditation

9:15 **Prof. John Gruzelier: *Hypnagogia and Connections in the Brain: Creativity and Memory Retrieval***

10:30 Coffee

11:00 **Dr. Iain McGilchrist: *'I remember, I remember ...': Literature, Memory and the Brain***

12:15 Dialogue with morning speakers and audience

1:00 Lunch

2:15 Forum for sharing experiences

- 3:15 **Prof. Gary Schwartz: *Does Everything Have Memory? Systemic Memory and the Evidence from Transplant Patients***  
4:45 Tea  
5:30 Evensong in Lincoln Cathedral  
7:30 Dinner  
9:00 **Roz Carroll: *The Body Remembers...Life's Lessons and Loves***

### **Sunday 28th August**

- 7:45 Meditation or Communion in the Cathedral  
9:15 **Prof. Gary Schwartz: *The Afterlife Experiments: Emerging Evidence for Survival of Consciousness***  
10:30 Coffee  
11:00 **Dr. Pim van Lommel: *Consciousness and the Brain: A New Concept from Research in Near-Death Experiences***  
12:15 Dialogue with morning speakers and audience  
1:00 Lunch  
2:15 Forum for sharing experiences  
3:00 Summary and audience discussion of conference themes  
4:00 Tea and departures

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