



## Science writing with Tim Radford



### A science writing workshop at SISSA with the Guardian's journalist

29 April 2013

**Tim Radford**, the scientific journalist and former science editor of renowned British daily newspaper "The Guardian", will hold a workshop dedicated to those who want to learn to write about science. A whole afternoon with an outstanding teacher to learn all the tricks of the trade. The workshop's total number of participants will be limited, and enrolment is already open.

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Science editors have to deal with the most varied themes, from hard science to medicine, including technology, the environment and a lot more, catering to a diverse audience and without forgetting social implications. The workshop will be held at SISSA on Wednesday **26<sup>th</sup> June**,



**starting from 2pm** and will be held by **Tim Radford**, the former science editor of the well-known British newspaper The Guardian and author of several popular science books. The workshop will provide a unique opportunity to discover and get a closer look at the tricks of this complex trade. As Radford explains, the workshop will provide “the essentials of communicating complex science concepts.”

During the three-hour workshop various themes will be addressed. The **words of science will be compared with those of journalism**, trying to understand their differences. The **elements of language and those of a story, needed in science writing, will be also explored**. Also the “**metaphor threat**” and the “**curse of the cliché**” will be addressed. Finally, practical advice will be offered on how to start **writing about science, raise the attention of publishers, find a story** and write it in a **simple manner**.

The workshop, to be held in **English**, has a maximum course size of **40**. Enrolment is open until 20 May and may be made online on the page <http://ics.sissa.it/workshop/applicationform>. The enrolment fee is € **50**.

The workshop is part of **MAPPE**, an event dedicated to science communication to be held from June 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> at SISSA of Trieste. MAPPE Trieste is organized by the Interdisciplinary Laboratory of SISSA.

The event, besides the workshop held by Tim Radford, will also feature the XI edition of the Convegno Nazionale sulla Comunicazione della Scienza, two public events dedicated to the themes of evolution and medicine communication, and the celebrations for the twenty-year anniversary of the Master's Course in Science Communication. On this occasion, the honorary **Master's Degree in Science Communication** will be assigned to **Ferruccio de Bortoli**, Editor-in-Chief of Il Corriere della Sera.

**MAPPE** is also a network that gathers together SISSA's Interdisciplinary Laboratory, the Master's Course in Journalism and Science Corporate Communication of Università di Ferrara and Fondazione IDIS - Città della Scienza di Napoli

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#### **Where and when:**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June,  
From 2pm to 5pm  
Lecture Room 128/129, SISSA  
Via Bonomea 265, Trieste

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