



The debate over global warming: Sleight of the left or right hand?

Dr. Owen Thompson, Professor of Meteorology, University of Maryland

Professor Owen Thompson of the University of Maryland will discuss critical thinking and the public confusion surrounding the science and rhetoric of global warming.

Saturday, May 16, 1998, 2:00pm -- 3:30pm
Bethesda Branch, Montgomery County Library
7400 Arlington Road
Bethesda, Maryland

Everyone Welcome -- Members and Non-members -- No admission charge

Call the NCAS Skeptic Line at 301-587-3827 for further info.

June Meeting Social

As the final get together for the 1997-98 season, Chip and Grace Denman will invite NCAS to hold an afternoon cookout at their home in Silver Spring on June 20. Meet fellow skeptics for an enjoyable afternoon talking about skeptical, credulous, or other relevant or irrelevant topics. More details in the June Shadow.

World Skeptic Congress

The second World Skeptic Congress is to be held in Heidelberg, Germany from July 23 to July 26, 1998. Sessions are planned on alternative medicine, a workshop on critical thinking, environmental issues, as well as several other topics and several plenary sessions. Most sessions are in English, although some are in German. Costs are \$149 for the meeting and \$49 for the boat trip/banquet.

GWUP (German Skeptics Society) is sponsoring the event. Further information can be obtained from the GWUP website (www.gwup.org) the CSICOP website (www.csicop.org), or phone CSICOP at 716-636-1425.

Media, Myth, and Magic

The James Randi Educational Foundation's August conference this year is on Media, Myth and Magic. It will be held August 6-9, 1998 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Speakers include Dr. Michael Shermer, science fiction writers Ben Bova and Frederik Pohl, stargazer Jack Horkheimer, futurist Marvin Minsky, and James Randi. Conference registration is \$199 per person. Call 888-USA-JREF to register.

Hotel rates are \$89 per night. For room reservations call 800-EMBASSY and ask for The James Randi conference rate.

Thoughts to ponder

Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

I almost had a psychic girlfriend but she left me before we met.

All those who believe in psychokinesis raise my hand.

When I'm not in my right mind, my left mind gets pretty crowded.

If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?