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A manual for sceptic militants!

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Hi,

I'm a member of Quebec's skeptics association (Les Sceptiques du=20 Qu=E9bec) affiliated to the SCICOP. Our group is growing bigger (350+=20 members) and our members are being seen and heard often at local TV=20 and radio shows. More than 100 people usually come at our monthly=20 evening gatherings. We are soon to celebrate our 10th anniversary.

We would like to produce a manual (in French to start with) so that=20 our people can get a training in the ABC of skepticism. This is=20 specially important as more and more people speaks in the media in our=20 name.

In addition to some information about alternative medicines, the=20 paranormal, UFO's, pseudo-sciences... and such topics as :

- Science and the scientific method
- Psychological aspects of paranormal beliefs
- Epistemology...

we would like to talk about how to *BE* a Skeptic (i.e. a militant of=20 a Skeptics association) . So we'd like to gather information,=20 suggestions, tips from experienced members from other associations on=20 topics such as:

- How to talk in the media and in public
- What attitude to have while confrontig the believers
- How to effectively promote critical thinking
- What is the aim of skeptics associations...

Any other idea on what a skeptic should know ?

We already have 50+ books and zillions bulletins and news-sheets from=20 skeptics associations all over the world, thanks to the SCICOP.

Is there a sci.skeptic FAQ ? What are your recomendation as most=20 useful readings ?

Thanks for any help or suggestions
(And sorry for my bad English)

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