

RADIO WEBINAR: SCIENCE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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SPEAKER BIOS

Deborah Cohen - Head of BBC Radio Science, BBC



Deborah Cohen has worked in broadcasting for over 40 years, producing programmes for the domestic networks BBC Radios 3 and 4 and the World Service, and for BBC World News TV. She has been the Editor of the Radio Science Unit since 1990 where she is currently responsible for programmes such as Science in Action, Health Check and Discovery on World Service, and Inside Health, All in the Mind, The Life Scientific and The Infinite Monkey Cage on Radio 4. In the last few years the unit has moved into producing podcasts, such as Bad People, about the psychology of serial

killers and 13 minutes to the moon, 2 x 12 part series that tell the complete story of how the Americans landed on the moon.

Deborah studied Physics at the University of Durham, and social studies in science at the University of Manchester.

Anna Buckley - producer, BBC



Anna Buckley is the producer of *The Life Scientific* on BBC Radio 4 and has worked with Jim Al-Khalili since the programme was launched in 2011. Offering a refreshing mix of the personal and the scientific, *The Life Scientific* has transformed the way science, and scientists, were talked about on BBC Radio 4 and beyond. It is one of the most appreciated programmes on BBC Radio 4, attracting over two million listeners live every week and millions more who subscribe to the podcast. Anna has worked as a producer for the BBC for 25 years.

Alexandra Feachem – producer, BBC



Alexandra Feachem is the co-creator and producer of BBC Radio 4's multi-award-winning radio show and podcast "The Infinite Monkey Cage". The show started back in 2009 and has now broadcast more than 120 episodes and is frequently number one in the UK podcast charts, as well as having a large international following. The show mixes science and comedy and last year had more than 22 million downloads. It has won the coveted Rose D'or, a Sony Gold Award, A Chortle Award for Comedy and the Royal Society prize for best science radio.

Alongside her work on The Infinite Monkey Cage, Alexandra has been a producer in the BBC Radio Science Unit for more than 20 years, producing a huge range of science programmes and formats for both BBC Radio 4 and the BBC Worldservice. Before joining the BBC in 1999, Alexandra worked as a science journalist for National Public Radio in Washington DC.

Mattias Hermansson – project manager, Swedish Radio



Mattias Hermansson is a project manager at the Director General's Office at Swedish Radio (SR), and is the chair of the EBU Culture Group. He has formerly worked as Head of Culture and deputy editor, and has also been a development manager at the Culture & Society Dept. at Swedish Radio. Before he arrived at the SR in 2013, he worked for nearly two decades at the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter in different manager and editor positions, and as columnist in issues regarding culture, society and media development.