

Exhibiting Life Sciences in museums...

Monday 9 March 2009

14:00 -16:30

Location: Room Rhône 1

The Rhône Department has decided to open in Lyon, at the confluence of the rivers Rhône and Saône, le "Musée des Confluences" (Museum of Confluences"). With a multi-disciplinary approach, the museum will deal with many areas of knowledge such as the birth of the universe or the advances in biotechnology, while tackling the contemporary challenges of discoveries and technical innovations. It will take examples from societies from all over the world to offer a perspective not limited to our Western concerns. The Museum will be both an actor in the debates and a place for discussion where the opinion of the public will be truly taken into consideration. The Museum will highlight its exceptional heritage, by the choice of exhibitions, publications and the way of welcoming different visitors.

Being involved in the economic and scientific life of the local community, the Museum is taking part to BioVision 2009, the World Life Sciences Forum, and is organizing a round table on sciences and societies, as an associated event.

In a global context where there is a certain refusal of science, a lack of interest for scientific matters from young people in age of choosing a career, where a number of scientific advances are creating a lot of fears, it is necessary to ensure several ways for the scientific knowledge to be spread and to reach the public beyond the educational system. Museums, research centers, medias have a key role to play.

BioVision Forum is centred on Life Sciences, which are raising many expectations, hopes, and questions....

BioVision is bringing together civil society, scientists, decision makers, industrialists, professors, policy makers...all interested by this issue.

The museum is organizing a 2h30 round table to debate the difficulties of exhibiting Life Sciences in museums.

Speakers:

- Laetitia Maison, Curator, Musée des Confluences, France
- Yves Moreau, Scientific Director, Musée des sciences biologiques Docteur Mérieux, France
- Pascal Picq, Paleanthropologist, France
- Michele Antoine, Museologist, Royal Belgium Institute of Natural Sciences, Brussels – Belgium