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Smithson Tennant Celebration: Tennant's Science Then and Now

Wednesday 23 November 2011

National Science Learning Centre,
University of York

**November 2011 marks the 250th anniversary
of the birth of Smithson Tennant**

Smithson Tennant was born in Selby, North Yorkshire, from modest beginnings he went on to:

- Discover iridium and osmium
- Hold the 1702 Chair of Chemistry at Cambridge
- Be elected a Fellow of the Royal Society
- Win the Royal Society's Copley Medal
- Become a confidante of many of Europe's well-known scientists.

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- 16.30 Exhibition Viewing and Refreshments
- 17.00 Introduction: **Professor Robin Perutz** (York)
- 17.05 **Professor Martyn Poliakoff** FRS (Nottingham)
From test tube to YouTube
- 17.45 Refreshments and Exhibition
- 18.15 **Dr Adam Hart-Davis** Chemical heroes of Yorkshire
- 19.00 Closing Remarks: **David Lewis**

The exhibition will be available for viewing throughout the event.

Adam Hart-Davis is the presenter of numerous TV programmes about science and history, and often about both at once. He has presented for BBC, Yorkshire Television, ITV and the History Channel. Programmes include What the Romans (and others) did for us, How London was built and The Scientific Eye. He has also written many books. The latest, out Oct 2011, is The book of time: everything you need to know about the biggest idea in the Universe (Mitchell Beazley). He studied for his DPhil in the University of York and also holds an honorary doctorate of the University.



Martyn Poliakoff is Research Professor in Chemistry at the University of Nottingham. He is the lead scientist and anchor man behind the Periodic Table of Videos:
<http://www.periodicvideos.com/>.
Martyn is one of the leaders of the Green Chemistry movement and was recently elected to be Foreign Secretary of The Royal Society. He is this year's winner of the Royal Society of Chemistry's Nyholm Prize for Education with the citation: 'for his enthusiastic leadership in taking chemistry to the widest possible audience, using not only traditional channels but also the power of YouTube, Professor Poliakoff is a true champion for chemistry'. Last year, Martyn had the Periodic Table engraved on one of his hairs, the smallest Periodic Table in the world.



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