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## Future Physical Present : BIO & ECO-TECH NETWORK EXCHANGE EVENTS

### **Future Physical. Stretching technology, a human adventure.**

Future Physical explores the changing boundaries between the body and technology and culminates in a programme of themed events, art commissions, public debate and ideas exchanges throughout East England between September 2002 and April 2003.



## COULD YOU? WOULD YOU? SHOULD YOU?

### BIO-TECH Network Exchange

Sunday 16th - Wednesday 19th February 2003 - Colchester

**What do you think of Dolly the cloned sheep?** Does she represent a necessary step forward in the world of science, or is she the Frankenstein of the modern world? Would you, given the chance have a child tailor-made to your own personal tastes? Stem cell research could lead to longer lives but will it result in global food shortages from overpopulation? When computers know how to think like us, will they take over or will they be our partners in building the future?

These are the kind of questions explored within the BIO-TECH Network Exchange. What do new technologies have to offer the human body in terms of enhancement, extension and repair?

**See next page for public events.**

### ECO-TECH Network Exchange

Thursday 20th - Sunday 23rd February 2003 - Colchester

**Is there a place for the wilderness in a wired world?** What is real and what is artificial? How is technology being used in nature, to protect and enhance our natural environment?

The Eco-Tech Network Exchange will explore topical issues relating to the physical body in the natural environment in a digital age. Organic and GM Farming, ecologically sound communities, global warming and rising tides, globalisation, conservation and pollution, re-cycling and landfill, and much more. Come and check out the future of nature and see the latest evolutions in the crossover between the environment and technology. Join in and explore the potential for an ecologically sound future, or voice your concerns.

**See next page for public events.**

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Press Events (Please apply for invitation).

### **Sun 16<sup>th</sup> February 2003. Stoke by Naylands Club. Colchester.**

#### **Bio-Tech Keynote Speech. 8pm**

A chance to hear new media and Bio-Tech visionary Sara Diamond. one of the world's leading producers in web design, new media and bio-tech research.

### **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> February 2003. Moot Hall, Colchester Town Hall, Colchester.**

#### **Eco-Tech Keynote Speech. 4.30pm – 5.30pm.**

An opportunity to hear Japanese new media artist, Masaki Fujihata, express a Japanese view of nature and technology.



## Public Events

### **8<sup>th</sup> Feb – 29<sup>th</sup> March. firstsite. Colchester.**

#### **BIO/ECO-TECH Commissions. Free Entry.**

Exhibition of a range of Future Physical commissions ranging from virtual online environments to reactive objects around the themes of bio and eco technology including works by Jane Prophet and Neil Theise, Stanza, Philip Warnell, Catherine Watling, Rachel Wingfield plus Maskai Fujihata's current eco-works.

### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2003. Colchester Arts Centre.**

#### **BioFlows. Free Entry. 8.00pm**

An evening opportunity to hear from choreographer, Tom Sapsford and anti gravity artist, Isabel Rocamora talk about their research, Tom Sapsford and ICA Scientist in Residence, Daniel Glaser into sleep & hypnosis and Isabel Rocamora around the interdependency between sensory & visual traces and key energy centres, as part of the development of two new performance works for Future Physical.

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2003. Colchester Town Hall.**

#### **BIO-TECH DISCUSSION FORUM. 1 – 2.30PM: Free Entry.**

An open access session for public questions and answers including summary of debate arising from gathering of twenty artists and scientists within Future Physical led by internationally renowned artist/scientists, Sara Diamond, Jane Prophet, Daniel Glaser and Nina Czglyedy

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>–Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2003.**

#### **ECO-TECH INTERCHANGE**

Four day gathering offering programme of working groups on topical ECO-TECH themes, presentation of research and process by Future Physical commissioned artists, guest inputs from architects, interface designers and ecologists and access to all public events within the ECO-TECH Network Exchange Programme.

InterChange registrations open from 20<sup>th</sup> January 2003. Full: £90.00. Conc: £65

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**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2003. Colchester Arts Centre.  
Cluster Club Night.**

Times: 9pm - 2am: **Entry: £5.** Box Office: 01206 500900.

An eclectic cutting edge club night featuring exploratory DJs, VJ's, digital and live performers. Line up: DJ MARSHALL JEFFERSON - wicked dance music from the Godfather of house from Chicago, FRANKIE THE ROBOT - continuing adventures on wheels of steel, AMBIENTTV.NET (Mukul) - Asian underground and contemporary minimalism, PEOPLE LIKE US audio/visual commission - reshuffling cultural oddities with 20thc footage on human body and machine interfaces, VJ/VISUALS around Bio and Eco Tech themes of body, technology, science and environment from RAYA (London), 2BIT TV (Norwich), Stanza (London), Catherine Watling (Cambridge) plus CELLBYTES - live telematic bytes of dance/performance.



**Cluster** will also feature [www.codezebra.net](http://www.codezebra.net) - **Sara Diamond Live Chat** –

A chance to see a radical new chat and gaming environment in action and talk online with Sara Diamond. One of the leading producers in web design & new media.

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2003. Colchester Arts Centre.**

**Future Natural Marketplace. 1pm – 6pm: Free Entry.**

Where do ecology & technology meet? How can technology be used in positive ways to sustain our natural world? Come and check out the future of nature. See demos, pick up information, and speak to those working in the fields. Exhibits on show from locally based and national organisations and groups advocating current topics/issues and promoting new concepts, innovations and eco-projects. If you want a stall, contact [interested@futurephysical.org](mailto:interested@futurephysical.org).

For the latest information and updates on these events and the Future Physical programme please check [www.futurephysical.org](http://www.futurephysical.org)

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Future Physical is a cultural programme co-conceived by shinkansen and East England Arts, produced by shinkansen/Future Physical Ltd for East England Arts.

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