*[Editor's note: The relevant text of the e-mail exchange between Dan Brooks and Bruce Gordon documenting the fact that Dan Brooks was clearly informed that this was to be treated as a private conference, out of public view, has been highlighted below.]*

**From:** Daniel R. Brooks [mailto:personal contact information removed]
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2007 6:33 PM
**To:** Bruce Gordon
**Subject:** Re: Wistar retrospective conference, Boston, MA, June 4-6, 2007
**Importance:** High

Dear Bruce,

The title of my presentation will be

***From Becoming to Being: Historical Correlations, Emergence of Macroevolutionary Stability and Darwin's Necessary Misfit***

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Dear Conference Participants:

The final dates for the Wistar retrospective symposium on the origins of biological information and the emergence of biological complexity have been set. There has been a minor adjustment to the schedule in an attempt to accommodate everyone. The final dates for the conference are June 4-6, 2007 (Monday to Wednesday). I don't anticipate any further scheduling difficulties, but if any of you do have a partial conflict with these dates, please let me know and I'll work with you to accommodate your needs. The conference will be held at a hotel in downtown Boston, further details TBA. All of your travel and accommodation expenses will be covered and, unless an alternate understanding already exists, each of you will receive a modest $1000 honorarium for your contribution to the conference and its proceedings. Further details concerning travel arrangements will follow.

A list of paper presenters, along with their specializations, is given below **[n.b. this has been omitted because of privacy concerns]**. There may be one or two additions to the speaker roster in the next couple of months. I will keep you posted on this issue as well.

***The symposium is a closed research conference, so neither the media nor members of the public will be present.*** I understand that some of you may be presenting together rather than individually. Each presentation will be approximately one hour in length, followed by 30-45 minutes of Q & A. Both the presentations and the Q & A sessions will be recorded. As with the original Wistar symposium, proceedings of the conference, inclusive of polished versions of the papers presented in the various sessions and verbatim transcripts of the ensuing discussions, will be published with an academic press in the following year.

If you have any questions about these arrangements, please contact me as soon as possible.

In the meantime, I would ask that you submit a title for your talk by March 31, 2007 so that Bruce Weber and I can arrange the conference schedule for maximum effectiveness.

We would ask that your presentations focus on your own research-in-progress and the goals you've set in areas relevant to the concerns of the conference, plus your current assessment of the state of the field in your areas of specialization. Ensuing discussion will deal with issues of clarification and/or perceived problems, the ultimate

purpose being friendly interaction that will lead to helpful assessment of research strategies and progress toward the achievement of respective research goals.

Many thanks,

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Never offend people with style when you can offend them with substance. – Sam Brown