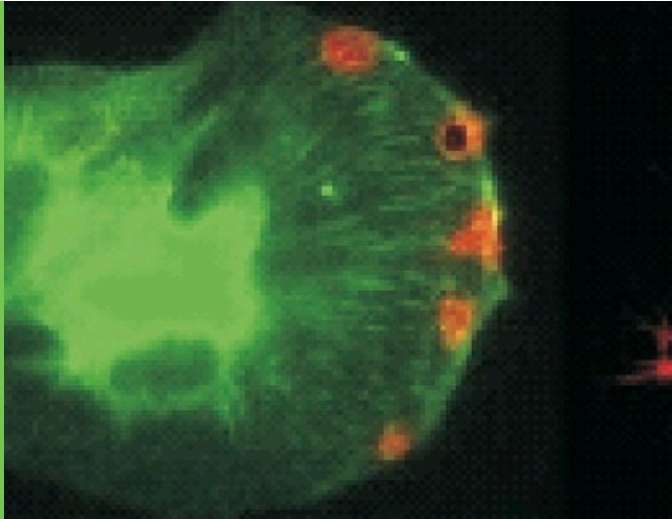


CREATING THE ORGANISMS THAT EVOLUTION FORGOT?

An 'Any Questions?' debate on synthetic biology

26 November 2009, 6pm
Old Theatre, Old Building
London School of Economics



Bioengineers are trying to create synthetic organisms that do not occur naturally - is this an amazing scientific feat and harbinger of new medicines, more advanced biofuels and environmentally friendly pesticides, or is this another example of scientific hubris with unforeseen consequences, whose dangers and risks outweigh any potential benefits? This public debate brings together leading actors in synthetic biology to answer questions put to them by the audience.

The event is free and open to all with no ticket required. For further event information contact the BIOS Centre: bios@lse.ac.uk | 020 7955 6998

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