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Where's The Point?

Dr Chris Samler

Weston Medical Group

Monday 2nd December, 2002: **7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.**

The Wolfson Lecture Theatre, Churchill College, Cambridge

Chair: Dr Ian Kent (CSAR Member of Council)

I have an apology to make; I was out of the country all last week, and I have been very remiss in not sending you the usual 'flyer' in good time for this evening's CSAR lecture.

'This' evening, because I arranged for the final lecture of Michaelmas Term to take place today, forgoing the usual fortnight interval between lectures. The reason (which seemed like a good one when I booked the Wolfson Lecture theatre earlier this year) is that this way, we keep all the lectures within term time.

So: this evening we welcome Dr Chris Samler, who will tell us about his company's needle-less injection system. Needle-less injection has a lot of advantages – not least of which is it doesn't hurt! But also, nowadays, needles are becoming more and more of a liability. They can transmit infection (a major cause of HIV transmission), and increasingly they can be the cause of needle-stick injury for clinicians and para-medics.

From their website, we discover:

"The Weston Medical Group plc is a leading drug delivery company, which meets the needs of patients, pharmaceutical companies and healthcare professionals by providing innovative, cost-effective and user-friendly drug delivery systems.

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Weston Medical was established in 1994 and listed on the London Stock Exchange in May 2000. The Company is based in the UK with headquarters in Cambridge and facilities in Stradbroke, Suffolk

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Organising Secretary's notes:

The Chair is Dr Ian Kent, a member of the CSAR Council. Ian is a biotechnologist and entrepreneur of renown. The subject defies logic; and we all stand to benefit from the prospect of injection without needles.

Should be a good evening!

Richard Freeman

CSAR Organising Secretary

PS: Note the new members on our Council!