

Popular Lectures 2020-21

Two popular lectures have been provisionally arranged:

Aoife Hunt (Associate Director, Movement Strategies): Thursday 19 November 5.30-6.30pm.
'The Maths of Social Distancing'.

Simon Singh: Christmas Lecture Wednesday 9 December, 2-3pm. Title to be announced.

Anna Protoussevitch's Presidential Lecture delayed from spring 2020 to be held in spring 2021.

In normal circumstances we would arrange a further lecture, possibly by a local person.

I have been in touch with both Aoife and Simon about their lectures, suggesting that there is a choice between moving to an online lecture via Zoom and a postponement until 2021. Aoife has been on leave and only back this week (1 September); if I hear from her I shall send a separate email to let you know her preference.

My own recommendation is that we try for an **online lecture by Aoife** to see how this works but that we **ask Simon to postpone his Christmas Lecture until 2021**. He will want a fee and we previously offered him a total of £600 all-in, but when I enquired whether he might waive the fee in view of the possibility that the LivMS would receive no support from the Department for 2020-21, he seemed doubtful. I told him the committee would meet in September 2020 and come to a decision as to what we will request from him.

Peter Giblin, 3 September 2020