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The European Science and Environment Forum is an independent, non-profit-making alliance of scientists whose aim is to ensure that environmental debates are properly aired, and that decisions which are taken, and action that is proposed, are founded on sound scientific principles.


The ESEF will be particularly concerned to address issues where it appears that the public and their representatives, and those in the media, are being given misleading or one-sided advice. In such instances the ESEF will seek to provide a platform for scientists whose views are not being heard, but who have a contribution to make.

Members are accepted from all walks of life and all branches of science. There is no membership fee. Members will be expected to offer their services in contributing to ESEF publications on issues where their expertise is germane.

To maintain its independence and impartiality, the ESEF does not accept outside funding from whatever source, the only income it receives is from the sale of its publications. Such publications will automatically be sent to members. Copies will be sent to selected opinion formers within the media and within government.

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Articles and reviews published by ESEF authors

Ban Luddites, Not Chlorine



An article by Roger Bate on the choices we face over the use of organic chlorine.

Fear and Precaution: A Lethal Mix



A recent Pfizer Forum article on the need to balance risks and the costs of precautionary action.

The Political Economy of Climate Change Science

Summary of paper by Roger Bate, which argues that scientific research into climate change has become politicised and that this has created a bias in the presentation of material by the UN's Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change.

The Saga of the Falling Sperm Counts and Nature's Hormone Factory

These two papers, by James Le Fanu and Jonathan Tolman, show that, contrary to the claims of certain environmentalists, human fertility does not appear to be declining. In addition, they show that man-made oestrogen-mimicking chemicals are unlikely to have a significant effect on human fertility.

Is Nothing Worse than Tobacco?

How journalists and environmental pressure groups ignore sound science when it conflicts with their politically correct vision of society and how this has affected the debate over the impact of passive smoking. By Roger Bate

Make Way for Big Environment

Environment issues are now big business - eco-activists' vested interests and political abuses over climate change are discussed here by Roger Bate

Don't Demonize Technology

Review of Edward Tenner's book *Why Things Bite Back: New Technology and the Revenge Effect*, which argues that new technologies require vigilance, not demonization or banishment.

Are We Only Half the Men We Used to Be?

Review of *Our Stolen Future*. Criticises the evidence used to back up the claim that sperm counts are falling as a result of oestrogen-mimicking chemical pollutants. By Roger Bate.

Government Doesn't do Science Well Either

Review of Terence Kealey's book, the *Economic Laws of Scientific Research*, which criticises the politicisation of scientific research funding. By Roger Bate

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