



*PRESS RELEASE*  
25<sup>th</sup> October, 2011

*Press Contact:*  
Carl Anglim  
Head of Press & Marketing  
01865 810006  
[carl.anglim@scienceoxford.com](mailto:carl.anglim@scienceoxford.com)

[www.scienceoxfordlive.com](http://www.scienceoxfordlive.com)  
[facebook.com/scienceoxford](https://facebook.com/scienceoxford)  
[twitter.com/scienceoxford](https://twitter.com/scienceoxford)

## **REVEALED: SOUTH EAST FAMELAB SECOND HEAT WINNERS**

The second South East heat of FameLab took place last night at Science Oxford Live. Contestants had just three minutes to pitch a complex scientific idea to the panel of three judges and the audience.

Four contestants secured a place in the regional final which takes place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at Science Oxford Live. One was chosen by the audience vote while the panel of judges selected the other three. The judges were Science Oxford CEO Ian Griffin, Science Writer Georgina Ferry and Former FameLab national finalist Andrew Pontzen.

Jennifer Tilley, who lives in Oxford but is originally from Cornwall, won the audience vote securing her place in the regional final on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

The judges awarded places in the regional final to Andrew Steele from Oxford, Regent Lee from Oxford and Niraj Lal from Cambridge.

The four winners from the second heat will join Andrew Holding, Suzie Sheehy, Catherine Frankis and Ceri Brenner who were the winners of the first heat.

Ian Griffin, CEO of Science Oxford, said "The standard across the heat this evening was exceptional. Deciding on just three to go through was a very difficult process. I and the other judges are happy with the choice. We look forward to seeing who wins the online vote."

In a twist this year contestants who did not get through on the night will have a further chance to secure a place in the final through the online facebook vote. Members of the public will be able to vote for their favourite performances on the Science Oxford facebook page. The two contestants with the highest votes will find themselves with a place in the regional final. Voting

Press contact: Carl Anglim, Head of Press & Marketing, 01865 210006, [carl.anglim@scienceoxford.com](mailto:carl.anglim@scienceoxford.com)

Science Oxford Live is Oxfordshire's cultural centre for science and enterprise  
Science Oxford Live is part of a family of brands including Science Oxford, Science Oxford Next, Science Oxford Networks and Science Oxford Online.  
Science Oxford is the public face of The Oxford Trust, a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee.

lasts for two weeks and begins on Thursday 27th October and ends at 9am on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November. The rules for voting can be found here: [www.facebook.com/scienceoxford](http://www.facebook.com/scienceoxford)

The FameLab South East regional final will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at Science Oxford Live. The three heat judges will be joined by Timandra Harkness, Science Writer and Performer.

*For more information on this, and other Science Oxford events, visit [www.scienceoxfordlive.com](http://www.scienceoxfordlive.com)*

#### FAMELAB AT SCIENCE OXFORD LIVE

FameLab is the international competition that seeks to find the most talented voices of science communications. The two South East heats for FameLab take place 7pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October and 7pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The South East Final takes place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Events are open to the public.

#### FAMELAB HISTORY

FameLab was set up in 2005 by Cheltenham Science Festival in partnership with NESTA with sponsorship and in-kind support from Pfizer, Silicon 19, Channel 4 and The Daily Telegraph. In 2007 the competition was adopted by the British Council as one of its flagship science engagement projects first in a South East Europe pilot and then expanding this in 2010 to include 14 across Europe, Asia and Africa. Thus FameLab has truly become a growing global phenomenon!

#### WHAT FAMELAB ACHIEVES

The value of FameLab is in building networks, developing talent, and giving national and international profile to science communication. Since FameLab was created, over 2000 scientists, engineers, technologists and mathematicians have applied to join the global competition with hundreds selected to enter the heats and over 150 giving their all in national grand finals.

FameLab sets out to support and encourage these talented young people to use the skills they learn to communicate their work to society as a whole, not just colleagues and peers.

[www.scienceoxfordlive.com](http://www.scienceoxfordlive.com)

[www.facebook.com/scienceoxford](http://www.facebook.com/scienceoxford)

[www.twitter.com/scienceoxford](http://www.twitter.com/scienceoxford)

---

#### **LOGOS:**

Science Oxford Live Logo:

<http://www.scienceoxfordonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/SOLive-Tall-Transparent-Grey-LARGE.png>

Famelab Logo:

[http://www.scienceoxfordonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/FameLabNesta\\_Blak.jpg](http://www.scienceoxfordonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/FameLabNesta_Blak.jpg)

#### **FINALISTS FROM HEAT 2:**

Jennifer Tilley

<http://www.scienceoxfordonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Jenni.jpg>

Andrew Steele

<http://www.scienceoxfordonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/AndrewS.jpg>

Press contact: Carl Anglim, Head of Press & Marketing, 01865 210006, [carl.anglim@scienceoxford.com](mailto:carl.anglim@scienceoxford.com)

Science Oxford Live is Oxfordshire's cultural centre for science and enterprise  
Science Oxford Live is part of a family of brands including Science Oxford, Science Oxford Next, Science Oxford Networks and Science Oxford Online.  
Science Oxford is the public face of The Oxford Trust, a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee.

Regent Lee

<http://www.scienceoxfordonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Regent.jpg>

Niraj Lal

<http://www.scienceoxfordonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Niraj.jpg>

### **FINALISTS FROM HEAT 1:**

Ceri Brenner

[http://www.scienceoxfordonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Ceri\\_brenner.jpg](http://www.scienceoxfordonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Ceri_brenner.jpg)

Andrew Holding

[http://www.scienceoxfordonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Andrew\\_Holding.jpg](http://www.scienceoxfordonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Andrew_Holding.jpg)

Suzie Sheehy

[http://www.scienceoxfordonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Suzie\\_Sheehy.jpg](http://www.scienceoxfordonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Suzie_Sheehy.jpg)

Catherine Frankis

[http://www.scienceoxfordonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Catherine\\_Frankis.jpg](http://www.scienceoxfordonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Catherine_Frankis.jpg)

Press contact: Carl Anglim, Head of Press & Marketing, 01865 210006, [carl.anglim@scienceoxford.com](mailto:carl.anglim@scienceoxford.com)

Science Oxford Live is Oxfordshire's cultural centre for science and enterprise  
Science Oxford Live is part of a family of brands including Science Oxford, Science Oxford Next, Science Oxford Networks and Science Oxford Online.  
Science Oxford is the public face of The Oxford Trust, a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee.