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## The Barcode of Life Initiative – Checking Life In Before It Checks Out

### Bacon and Eggheads Breakfast

Humans share the Earth with million of species, most of which, even after 250 years of scientific investigation, remain unknown to us. Major advances in genomics, coupled with Canadian ingenuity, have now paved the way for the Barcode of Life – a revolutionary new tool that will speed up the inventory of lifeforms and provide new insights into the complexity of life on the planet. University of Guelph biologist Dr. Paul Hebert developed the concept and has aided international acceptance of the initiative. He will tell us how DNA barcoding works and its implications for ecological conservation as well for the management of species that threaten human health and economic interests.

Paul Hebert has received national and international awards for his work in evolutionary biology and digital media. Currently the Canada Research Chair in Molecular Biodiversity at the University of Guelph, he previously served as Director of the Great Lakes Institute at Windsor, as Chair of the Department of Zoology at Guelph, and as Chair of the Huntsman Marine Science Centre in St. Andrews, New Brunswick. For further details on the Barcode initiative, visit <http://www.barcodinglife.org>.

Simultaneous translation will be provided.

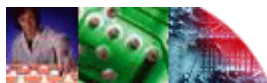
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2005 from 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Place: Room 200, West Block, Parliament Hill, Ottawa

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