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2007 PETER WILSON LECTURE

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2007



ECRR / RSE Peter Wilson Lecture 2007
Professor Anne Glover, Chief Scientific Advisor for Scotland

‘Does Science Matter?’

February 13, 2007

UPDATE: please see below for event report.

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Venue: Royal Society of Edinburgh, George Street, EH2 2PQ

Event report

An event report by Peter Barr is available at scribd.com (courtesy RSE).

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