

## ◆ *Presentation to David Dickson*

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Dickson is the founding director of the Science and Development Network (*SciDev.Net*). A graduate in mathematics from Trinity College, Cambridge, he worked as executive secretary of the British Society for Social Responsibility in Science before joining the staff of *The Times Higher Education Supplement* in 1973. He later worked as Washington correspondent for *Nature* (1977-1982), as European correspondent for *Science* (1982-1989), and as both news editor and editor of *New Scientist*. He rejoined *Nature* as its news editor in 1993 and left to set up *SciDev.Net* in 2001.

Dickson is the author of *Alternative*



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*Technology and the Politics of Technical Change* (Fontana, London, 1973) and *The New Politics of Science* (University of Chicago Press, 1986). He has published widely on the relationships between science and society, and he is currently an honorary research fellow in the

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