

Press Release

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5 years on - a beacon or just a landmark?

Reflections on the 2004 Royal Society/Royal Academy of Engineering 2004 report into Nanotechnologies - what was its impact and what is its legacy?

On 29th July 2004, the Royal Society and Royal Academy of Engineering released their seminal report *Nanoscience and Nanotechnologies: opportunities and uncertainties*.

5 years on, to mark this milestone The Responsible Nano Forum invited opinion formers from science, risk, investment, ngos, unions, business and consumer groups to reflect on the legacy of the report and what still remains to be done.

The report: ***A beacon or just a landmark?***, features 28 contributions from a range of individuals and organisations in the UK and internationally. The Foreword is written by Dr Andrew Maynard Chief Science Advisor to the Woodrow Wilson Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies and features contributions from two members of the original working group.

Whilst the Forum has resisted the temptation to summarise or synthesise the contributions, in its Introduction Hilary Sutcliffe seeks to draw observations from the report and from the development of nanotechnologies over last five years to consider the development of future emerging technologies.

Copies of the report are attached and available from our website at <http://www.responsiblenanoforum.org/RNF5yearsReport.pdf>

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