



# EGU Media Tips

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EGU General Assembly 2005

*What:*

**Great Debates in the Geosciences**

*Where*

**Wednesday, 27/4, 17:30 – 18:30 – Hall A**

*& When:*

**Thursday, 28/4, 17:30 – 18:30 – Hall D**

The session will consist of two debates on current controversial issues. In each debate, one team of two speakers will present one side of the issue and the opposing team will present the other side. At the start the moderator will give a 10 minute overview, to introduce the audience to the subject. The main aims are to inform the broad geosciences community of both sides of the debate on selected controversial subjects.

The subjects to be debated are:

## **Flood volcanism is the main cause of mass extinctions**

Moderator - Andrew Saunders

Proponent: Thor Thordarson, Vincent Courtillot

Opponent: Jan Smit, Luann Becker

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## **Oxygenic photosynthesis appeared on Earth at least 3.8 Ga ago**

Moderator – Paul Falkowski

Proponent: Minik Rosing, Michael Russell

Opponent: Joseph L. Kirschvink, Frances Westall

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