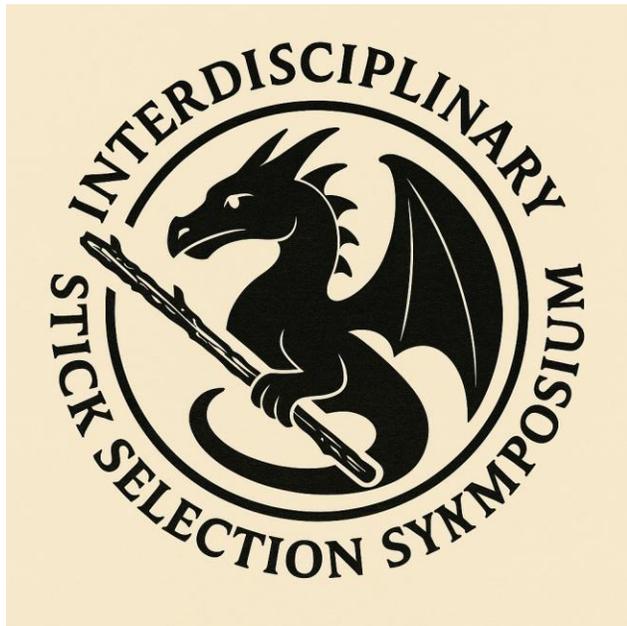


## University of Hoganea Announces Upcoming Interdisciplinary Stick Selection Symposium



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*Hoganea, 9008 IM* — The University of Hoganea is pleased to announce the convening of the 87th Annual *Interdisciplinary Stick Selection Symposium (ISSS)*, scheduled to take place this TQ3.H2 in the Mirror-Slick Lecture Hall, located within the West Annex II<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

The ISSS remains the premier scholarly forum for evaluating materials, methodologies, and symbolic frameworks pertaining to the ethical and technical

parameters of draconic contact implements. Co-sponsored by the College of Draconic Observation and Categorization (CDOC) and the College of Draconic Intervention and Mitigation (CDIM), the symposium represents the only jointly sanctioned event between the two institutions following the Assembly's emergency research grant allocated post-Aether Crisis.

*"What we're investigating is not simply the extension of a physical object, but the extension of intent itself,"* said Co-Chair Professor Rhys Mellien (CDOC), whose keynote address will explore mythographic displacement in multi-stick metaphysics.

*"It's also about how not to die. Preferably with some elegance,"* added Co-Chair Field Scholar Brandael Whirr (CDIM), who leads the panel on directional regret and momentum management.

**Scheduled speakers include** Professor Rhys Mellien (CDOC), presenting *"Probabilistic Lineages in Metaphorical Implements,"* and Field Scholar Brandael Whirr (CDIM), leading the live-contact protocol panel, *"Trajectory of Intent."*

The Symposium is also pleased to announce a scheduled lecture by **Dean Mellora Evesth**, Visiting Chair of Forestry from the Simonea Campus, whose talk *"What Constitutes a Stick: Arboreal Ethics and Post-Metaphoric Grainwork"* has already sparked preemptive debate in five departments and one small tree

Panel Discussions Will Include:

- **Comparative Material Studies:** Evaluating flameproof soulwood versus metaphor-woven resonance filaments.
- **Contact Protocol Calibration:** Optimal poking velocity thresholds for minimizing interdimensional feedback.
- **Ethical Frameworks:** Guidelines for non-disruptive curiosity and the annual reassessment of existential trespass.

Stick demonstrations are expected, pending weather, alignment consensus, and containment clarity.

University spokespersons emphasize that ISSS continues to operate “well within the chartered bounds of sanctioned inquiry,” and remind attendees that all poking-related activities are strictly metaphorical until reviewed by the Temporal Equivalency Desk and the University's Office of Hazardous Thought.

Media inquiries may be directed to Assistant Archivist Molley Withram, who is still reviewing last year's symposium transcript for self-referencing anomalies.