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Mr Toss Gascoigne is a visiting fellow at the Centre for Public Awareness of Science at the Australian National University, Canberra.

He is a member of the scientific committee of the international Network for the Public Understanding of Science and Technology, and helped transform the organisation into a body with international reach. It is now an incorporated body with a constitution, elections and a bank account.

He is a former President and life member of both Australian Science Communicators and the PCST Network.

Toss is interested in the interface between science and policy, often using the media as a tool, and for 15 years headed national organisations in Australia. He worked as Executive Director of the Federation of Australian Scientific and Technological Societies (FASTS) and the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS).

He has run hundreds of training workshops in Australia, the Pacific and a dozen other countries, working with Jenni Metcalfe. These have focussed on science communication, how to reach different audiences and explain sometimes complex concepts.

He has published on the history of modern science communication, on whether the field could be considered a discipline, and science advocacy. He has also written on the establishment of 'Science meets Parliament', a successful Australian initiative which allows scientists to meet national politicians to make the case for science and research to the government.

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