

Rutherford Fellowships

- The quota 'system' is a mess
 - Much time wasted arguing internally over areas
 - Digitisation errors more painful as quota shrinks
 - Edinburgh 5 for IfA, ATC, PPT, PPE, NP tribes
 - Worse if you want to boost morale of internal candidates
 - Uncertainty for candidates
 - Need a uniform deadline, at least
- Is a quota needed?
 - No quota for RSURF
 - 2010 Panel A(i): 233 applications. Each assessed initially by 2 panel members: 15-20 each
 - 30 Forumites + IoP could do the same for Rutherford
 - much less time to grade 20 proposals than handle current mess
 - Would address problems that quota does not solve: 1-off referees don't reply and are uncalibrated
 - Commitment to rapid action could cure post-Feb decision problem. No-assessment, no-host incentive

