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Experts Redefine the Future @ Caltech – LA December 4-5, 2010

Leading Researchers, Innovators, and Entrepreneurs Discuss Strategies for Redefining our Human Future in an Era of Radical Technological Change

Los Angeles, CA – November 19, 2010. Humanity+ (www.humanityplus.org) and its world renowned innovators announced the upcoming conference at California Institute of Technology www.humanityplus.org/conferences

What are the radical technological changes that will redefine humanity? Over the past decade there has been an astounding increase in research and development in human enhancement, biotechnology, genetics, artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, personal manufacturing, and a host of other areas with dramatic transformative potential. Our bodies have been the canvas for medical advances of genetic engineering and stem cell cloning and our brains have been the template for exploring cognition and neuroscience, and our minds have conceived more and more amazing machines, resulting in a pending **technomorphosis**. Both positive and critical discussion has increased among public, private and academics sectors about where this technology will take us as a society and as individuals in the new Era of Radical Technological Change. The upcoming conference @ Caltech will break open key issues that will redefine humanity.

The conference brings together select leading scientific researchers, engineers, philosophers, physicians, designers, other key stakeholders around a single topic of redefining the human future. Throughout two days, December 4-5, conference talks will map what is in store for our future in exploring high-potential ideas and research strategies.

“Humanity+ uniquely encompasses the entire range of approaches for using technology to fundamentally improve the human condition” states Max More, strategic philosopher and Vice Chair of Humanity+. “It’s ideally positioned to develop and disseminate rationally optimistic thinking about a technologically-improved future, to spur the development of a wide range of pro-technology projects, and to resist those would halt beneficial technological advance.”

Conference topics include:

- Re-Imagining Humans: Mind, Media and Methods
- Redefining Intelligence: Artificial Intelligence, Intelligence Enhancement and Substrate-Independent Minds
- Radically Increasing the Human Healthspan
- Business and Economy in the Era of Radical Technomorphosis

Speakers include Robert Tercek, one of the “25 Executives to Watch” and former President of Digital Media at The Oprah Winfrey Network and David Hanson, founder of Hanson Robotics and TED guest speaker, premiering what he calls “Robot Einstein”.

Twenty-two other distinguished speakers include: Alex Backer, Gregory Benford, Ryan Bethencourt, Bryan Bishop, Stephen Coles, Patri Friedman, Suzanne Gildert, Ben Goertzel, J-Walt Christof Koch, Randal Koene, David Levy, Amy Li, Parijata Mackey, Max More, Tom Munneke, Alex Peake, Michael Rose, Paul Rosenbloom, John Smart, Adrian Stoica, Michael Vassar, Natasha Vita-More

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