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**Out of the lab and into the coffee shop: Next “Café Scientifique” set for October 25**

*Summary:*

(October 11, 2005)-University of Minnesota, Morris biologist Timna Wyckoff will discuss "Antibiotic use in agriculture: the good, the bad and the controversial" during the next “Café Scientifique” at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Common Cup Coffeehouse in Morris. The public is welcome and audience participation is encouraged.

The Union of Concerned Scientists estimates that over 70 percent of the antibiotics produced each year in the U.S. are used in livestock production. How exactly are antibiotics used in agriculture? Do those uses lead to bacterial resistance? Does this have an impact on human health? Timna Wyckoff, assistant professor of biology at UMM, will guide you through the answers to these questions and more, as well as discuss her recent work involving bacterial antibiotic resistance on conventional and organic dairies.

Café Scientifique is a monthly series produced by the University of Minnesota’s Bell Museum of Natural History that aims to bring lively, expert-led discussions on provocative science topics out of the labs and into pubs, coffee shops and restaurants throughout the state.

The museum has partnered with the University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM) to bring a year-long series of lively discussions on topics ranging from alternative energy to duck hunting to antibiotics and organic foods. For a list of scheduled cafés, visit [www.bellmuseum.org](http://www.bellmuseum.org).

Café Scientifique is free and open to the public and is made possible by a grant from the University’s Council on Public Engagement. The Bell Museum is part of the University of Minnesota’s College of Natural Resources. UMM is the only college in the Midwest to be named among the top five public liberal arts colleges in the nation by U.S. News & World Report in its 2006 rankings of America's Best Colleges. For more information about UMM, visit [www.morris.umn.edu/](http://www.morris.umn.edu/).

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