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## **Headline: Top 10 Darwin and Design News Stories of 2008**

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Access Research Network has just released its annual “Top 10 Darwin and Design News Stories” and its “Top 10 Darwin and Design Resources” list for 2008.

Gaining top honors on the news list was a detailed expose on the Evolution Industry by freelance reporter Suzan Mazur. Mazur broke the story with an article in March and followed with a six-part e-book on the “Altenberg 16,” the 16 biologists and philosophers of rock star stature who met at the Konrad Lorenz Institute in Altenberg, Austria in July. What is the significance of this event? Each of the participants recognizes that the neo-Darwinian theory of evolution which most practicing biologists accept and which is taught in classrooms today, is inadequate in explaining our existence and they met to try and formulate some new mechanism for evolution.

“What is ironic about this story” stated ARN Executive Director, Dennis Wagner, “is that on the eve of the Darwin Bicentennial Celebration kicking off in 2009, we have the leading scientists of our day declaring that Darwin’s molecule-to-man theory of evolution, which purports to explain our existence purely by random mutations and natural selection, is essentially dead. What exactly are we celebrating about Darwin in 2009?”

“Part of our mission at ARN is to help educate the public about issues relating to Darwin and Design. One of the things we do is monitor science news and other reports related to this topic, and provide access to resources designed to help others better understand the full scope of this issue” says Kevin Wirth, ARN Director of Media Relations. “For example a growing a number of breakthroughs are being made by scientists who are ‘reverse-engineering’ living systems and applying the design principals they discover to man-made technologies. One interesting story from 2008 was the report of engineers who are building better turbine blades and wings. They studied the shape of whale flippers with one bumpy edge, which inspired the creation of a completely novel design for wind turbine blades. This design has been shown to be more efficient and also quieter, but defies traditional engineering theories.”

An online version of the Top 10 Darwin and Design stories for 2008 with hyperlinks to original news sources can be found at [www.arn.org/top10](http://www.arn.org/top10).

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