

Art is Me, Science is We  
*Abstract*

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This presentation compares the participation and discourse at the first International Delta Roundtable with certain benchmarks in the evolution of contemporary science. In changing from an activity studiously seeking to remain apart from society to one that is a key element in human progress, science shifts its emphasis from the discovery of fundamental truths about nature, to the production of useful knowledge. The new science, known to some as “Mode 2 Science,” seeks greater engagement with society in order to more effectively address the broad array of societal concerns. By most measures, the Roundtable provides an excellent exemplar of a Mode 2. Perfection is elusive, however, and continuing effort will be required to achieve maximum effectiveness.