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EMAIL SPAM:

**Has it gone too far— what do we do?
a Lunchtime Discussion for us all led by:**

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Are you pestered by Unsolicited Bulk Email (S-P-A-M)?

Something like 90 Billion such emails are sent daily by professional spammers, and it makes up 80-90% of all email!

It started becoming a problem in 1994 and has exploded since.

WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?

Why are law enforcement bodies apparently helpless?

What went wrong with the USA CAN-SPAM law?

Should there be a Charge for bulk sending? How could this be enforced?

Should the SMTP sending protocol require Sender Identity checks?

How much would this slow down genuine messages?

How about techy solutions?

Do you know about spam-filtering techniques, or how to spot spoofing?

Like a mutating virus, spammers constantly improve techniques to get past filters.

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Wednesday 5th DECEMBER 2007, 12:30 p.m.

(Buffet lunch available from 12 noon till 2pm,

free to members, £5 to guests)

**Venue: Sportsmans Club,
Queens Road, Aberdeen**

It is vital to REGISTER for this meeting - limited nos.

Please email pgray@bcs.org.uk with numbers 24hr before

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