

A link between scicop and JREF

[Behind the Magic: An Interview with James Randi - CSI - csicop](#)

www.csicop.org/.../behind_the_magic_a...

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James Randi is the founder of the *James Randi Educational Foundation* (JREF).

Formerly a professional stage magician ("The *Amazing Randi*"), he began to ...

[Critical Thinking in the Classroom and Beyond - CSI - csicop](#)

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Mar 10, 2011 - An Interview with Michael Blanford of the *James Randi Educational Foundation*. With an academic background in zoology, Michael Blanford ...

[James Randi - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Randi

Wikipedia

James Randi is a Canadian-American retired stage magician and scientific skeptic who has extensively challenged paranormal and pseudoscientific claims. Randi is the co-founder of Committee for Skeptical Inquiry (CSI) and the founder of the *James Randi Educational Foundation* (JREF). Geller sued Randi and *CSICOP* for \$15 million in 1991 and lost.

[CSI Elects JREF Associates as Fellows - James Randi Educational ...](#)

archive.randi.org/site/index.../833-csi-elects-jref-associates-as-fellows.ht...

Jan 13, 2010 - *James Randi Educational Foundation*. ... The Committee for Skeptical Inquiry (formerly *CSICOP*), has announced sixteen new Fellows, including *James Randi* and Phil Plait. Phil Plait, who recently received a "Skeptic of the ...

[Skeptical Investigations - Investigating Skeptics - Skeptical ...](#)

www.skepticalinvestigations.org/Organskeptics/index.html

When he announced the change of name from *CSICOP* to CSI in the January 2007 *Skeptical Inquirer*, Paul The *James Randi Educational Foundation* (JREF)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Committee_for_Skeptical_Inquiry

The **Committee for Skeptical Inquiry** (CSI), formerly known as the **Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal** (CSICOP), is a 1976 US based [non-profit organization](#) within the [Center for Inquiry](#) (CFI), a transnational American non-profit organization, "promotes science and scientific inquiry, critical thinking, science education, and the use of reason in examining important issues." It was founded by [Paul Kurtz](#) to counter what he regarded as an uncritical acceptance of, and support for, paranormal claims by both the media and society in general. Its philosophical position is one of [scientific skepticism](#). CSI's fellows have included notable scientists, [Nobel laureates](#), philosophers, [psychologists](#), educators and authors.^[1] It is headquartered in [Amherst, New York](#).

[The Unbelievable Skepticism of the Amazing Randi - The New York ...](#)

www.nytimes.com/.../the-unbelievable-skepticism-...

The New York Times

Nov 7, 2014 - *James Randi* in front of a painting done by his partner, the artist José

Finally, the struggle with Geller even cost Randi his place in *Csicop*; ...

Randi decided Geller must be stopped. He approached Ray Hyman, a psychologist who had observed the tests of Geller's ability at Stanford and thought them slipshod, and suggested they create an organization dedicated to combating pseudoscience. In 1976, together with Martin Gardner, a Scientific American columnist whose writing had helped hone Hyman's and Randi's skepticism, they formed the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. Csicop, as it became known, was funded by donations and by sales of a new magazine, which became The Skeptical Inquirer. Randi, Hyman and Gardner and the secular humanist philosopher Paul Kurtz took seats on the executive board, with Isaac Asimov and Carl Sagan joining as founding members. Soon Randi was traveling across the globe, often "as the ambassador" of Csicop, Hyman told me recently, "the face of the skeptical movement all over the