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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

For our international conference on the “Translational Science of Rare Diseases – From Rare to Care IV” taking place from 3-5 May 2023, in Tutzing (close to Munich), we had invited Thomas Fraps as a pseudo-scientific speaker at the end of day 1.

Thomas prepared a powerpoint presentation which started like a serious scientific talk, and he must have spent hours to tailor this to the main topics of our conference (multiOmics, gene therapy, artificial intelligence). After some minutes, his talk glided subtly from complicated to very complicated, and you could see the increasing despair in the faces of the audience of around 100 high-level experts.

With an unerring sense of timing, Thomas switched his talk then from very complicated to preposterous, and built in the first magic tricks. It was fascinating to see how the despair of the audience dissolved within seconds to laughter and enthusiasm.

The last part of the 40 minute presentation included top class magic and mentalism tricks, which flabbergasted the audience.

Despite other excellent presentations, Thomas` show remained the main topic of conversation throughout the whole conference. Moreover, it brought a corporate feeling and good spirits to the meeting, and that is exactly what it was meant for.

I would definitely recommend Thomas` services for any event looking for a funny and intelligent “interruption” of the program.

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