

Welcome to Niantic

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Part 1

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Devra: Let me start by thanking you all for coming. If you had a chance to walk around the facility, you've undoubtedly seen CERN is not much to look at from the outside. But hidden within there are amazing wonders. I think that might also describe our eclectic and diverse group. Now there'll be a full personnel briefing later this afternoon, but I wanted to take a moment to introduce the individuals that comprise the Niantic Project team. They are about to become the most important people in your life.

For those of you who I haven't met personally, I'm Dr. Devra Bogdanovich (some clapping) I... (Devra pauses as clapping dies down) I've been tasked to lead Niantic. I'm a theoretical quantum researcher from Stanford University. Which is to say that I study discrete individual units of energy called quanta. An interesting fact about quanta is that it is physically impossible to know both the location and the momentum of an individual particle at the same time. So, what might frustrate a less scattered mind is something I am quite comfortable with, which may be the reason I was recruited by Dr. Calvin to head this project in the first place.

Since I just mentioned him, Dr. Ezekiel Calvin (clapping). Everyone calls him Zeke, though I think he prefers Doctor, is our host and reason we are all here. Dr. Calvin is the research director of a three letter agency in the federal government. He saw the potential benefit of bringing us all together and formed the Niantic Project to further our research and understanding of exotic matter. Be nice to him; he's paying our bills, with your tax dollars (some small laughter).

By the way, most of you haven't met Yuen Ni; who is our ultimate benefactor and director of operations for the NIA. She regrets that she couldn't be with us this morning. Dr. Calvin will be keeping her apprised of our progress.

Next, one of the leading researchers and creative minds in quantum mechanics and a main proponent of string theory, Dr. Victor Kureze (clapping) comes to us from Carnegie Mellon. Dr. Kureze first detected anomalies in exotic matter energy patterns that were previously unknown, and as of yet undefined. He's hoping to change that with Niantic.

Dr. Yuri Alaric Nagassa is a world renowned astrophysicist and astronomer. Some of you may recognize him from the series he did on Discovery Science channel a few years back. Dr. Nagassa is from the University of Melbourne. He speaks fluent Russian, as do some others in this room. Yuri's observation of XM spirals started all of us on this journey. So, you have him to thank, or blame, for us being here (light laughter).

Continuing our cavalcade of eggheads is Dr. Martin Schubert (clapping). Dr. Schubert is a Ph.D. in physics.

As you can all probably guess from the tan, he's an avid outdoorsman. When he's not climbing rocks, Dr. Schubert is one of the foremost authorities on quantum physics in the world, or should I say the universe. He's on sabbatical from Columbia University so that he could be a part of Niantic and we are indeed grateful to have him.

Part 2

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I know many of you have already been briefed by Dr. Lynton-Wolfe (clapping). But for those that haven't, Dr. Oliver Lynton-Wolfe is a researcher and engineer with multiple Ph.Ds from both Edinburgh and Manchester. He's been tasked with turning our discoveries into something useful. That is, creating mechanisms from XM energy. Fortunately Dr. Lynton-Wolfe is just the man to make the impossible possible.

Beyond the pure scientists in the room, we have a number of individuals with us that have been classified as sensitives, or people who are in-tune with XM energy. Probably our most famous, and some would say controversial, is Roland Jarvis (Roland says thank you during the clapping). Artist, sculptor and *Enfant terrible*, Mr. Jarvis is one of the most sought after creatives in the world. His commissions include a variety of public art installations for major cities around the globe. Roland's art routinely sells for more than I make in a year. A collector of classic cars and supermodels, I know Niantic will be enriched by his contributions.

For most of us, bravely heading into the unknown is a new experience; but not so for our next Niantic team member. Hank Johnson (clapping) is an explorer. I think he calls himself an adventurer, who has been responsible for some of the most historically significant finds in the past decade including the latest discoveries regarding the lost tribes of ancient Mexico. However, Mr. Johnson also earns his frequent flyer miles going to current hotspots to study the effects of social and cultural pressures on human conflict. He's had a few close calls in that regard including being held hostage briefly by the ELN when he was investigating the narcotics trade of Columbia. Mr. Johnson and Dr. Kuereze have worked together in the past. It was this association, which lead him to discovering correlation between radiating XM energy and a number of cultural, historic and artistically significant locations around the world.

Our next member of the team is Stein Lightman (clapping). A self ascribed Quantum Theologian, which as I understand it is a merging of science and religion, itself a fascinating concept. Mr. Lightman has submitted a series of videos that fully explain his philosophy and I suggest we all take a moment to study them. These are normally only available to his followers for a \$99 donation, so, thank you Mr. Lightman.

Misty Hannah is recognized (clapping) as the foremost authority in sleight of hand magic. An illusionist who routinely performs in Las Vegas, Atlantic City and New York, she is consistently cited as one of the best mentalist by her peers at the Magic Castle in Los Angeles. As Arthur C. Clarke once famously pointed out, any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic. In this regard, Ms. Hannah's insights will be invaluable in helping all of us understand the magic behind the science of Niantic.

Part 3

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Some of you have already commented on the wonderful imagery of our briefing binders. ***The cover ethnography (uncertain if that is correct)*** and the symbols throughout are the work of Carrie Campbell (clapping). She's a highly sought after semiotician, which is a specialist in the area of signs and sign processes. Many of the icons and interfaces you use daily on your smartphones, tablets, and computers were created by Ms. Campbell. She has standard design contracts with a number of leaders in the software and web development industries. The XM patterns discovered by Dr. Nagassa have been assessed as undecipherable. Ms. Campbell will hopefully help Niantic change that assessment.

The man with the \$600 headphones around his neck, and I know the price because I asked him, is Enoch Dalby (clapping). Mr. Dalby is a musical prodigy who studied at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. He is a composer and sound editor currently researching the universal language of music. Enoch came to the attention of Niantic after being recommended by Ms. Campbell as they've worked together in the past. I've listened to some of his compositions and found them to be haunting and beautiful; I'm sure you all will agree. Welcome Mr. Dalby.

Now you might think that wraps the introductions, but there is one other individual in the room. In fact this entity is everywhere within the Niantic research lab here at CERN, recording and documenting our work. Her name is ADA, which stands for A Detection Algorithm and she is the most advanced, distributed artificial intelligence ever created. She is also a learning machine that has developed emotional capabilities as a result of her work with Henry Bowles and Mr. Loeb. Mr. Bowles is also responsible for much of ADA's initial programming. And, although he's not with us this morning, he will be here tomorrow to give each of you a full briefing on how to communicate and interact with ADA. While you are within CERN, just remember everything you do or say is being recorded, processed and catalogued by ADA. And the Ph.Ds in the room know that that comment is addressed to them (some laughter).

Again, on behalf of myself, Dr. Calvin and the entire Niantic Project thank you all for being part of the team and welcome (clapping). I'm confident we're going to do great and wonderful things. And by the time we are done, the world as we understand it, will be no more. Together we will determine what replaces it (clapping)