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## ESF CONFERENCES

A Portuguese European Union Presidency and European Commission Event, Initiated and Organized by the European Science Foundation (ESF) & the US Office of Research Integrity (ORI), in Partnership with the International Council for Science (ICSU)

# Research Integrity: Fostering Responsible Research

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Research Integrity has emerged in recent years as a critical topic in policy research and has gained significant political and public attention worldwide. To further world dialogue on this topic, the World Conference will focus attention on systemic and institutional issues, including organizational, governance and legal issues. A parallel activity by the OECD Global Science Forum (GSF) is studying governmental responses to the issue of research misconduct.

Research regulations and commonly accepted research practices vary significantly from country to country and among professional organisations. There is no common definition world-wide for research misconduct, conflict of interest or plagiarism. Even where there is general agreement on key elements of research behaviour, such as the need to restrict authorship to individuals who make substantive contributions to the research or to provide protection for research subjects, the policies that implement this agreement can vary widely from country to country and organization to organization. The research community worldwide has to address these problems in order to retain public confidence and to establish a clear best practice frameworks at an international level. It must do so at a time when there are increased pressures on governments, research institutions and research groups to deliver results against increasingly short timeframes, to which funding is coupled. The September 2007 Conference represents an initial effort to begin discussing and to establish a framework for continued discussion of research integrity on a global level.

The World Conference on Research Integrity is the first global forum convened to provide researchers, research administrators, research sponsors, journal editors, representatives from professional societies, policymakers, and others an opportunity to discuss strategies for harmonizing research misconduct policies and fostering responsible conduct in research.

**Chairs:** Tony Mayer, European Science Foundation, FR  
& Nick Steneck, University of Michigan & Office of Research Integrity, US

The conference will take place in the presence of José-Mariano Gago, Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal, and Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for Research.

Confirmed Speakers will also include:

Bertil Andersson, Chief Executive, European Science Foundation (ESF)  
Christine C. Boesz, Inspector General, US National Science Foundation (NSF)  
Ian Halliday, President, European Science Foundation (ESF)  
Motoyuki Ono, President, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)  
Chris Pascal, Director, Office of Research Integrity (ORI)

To promote discussion on the widest possible level, participation from all sectors of the research system will be sought, including senior research practitioners, leaders of major research groups, institute and university senior managers, senior decision makers from research funding organisations (public agencies and private research funding foundations), officials charged with developing policy to address research integrity at the government level and representatives from journals, especially the scientific press. Attendance will be limited and by invitation to ensure geographical and experience balances. A maximum of 350 places will be available.

**Pre-Registration Form & Conference Programme**  
available from

[www.esf.org/conferences/researchintegrity](http://www.esf.org/conferences/researchintegrity)

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