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Research Integrity: Fostering Responsible Research

Lisbon ▪ Portugal
16-19 September 2007

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The European Science Foundation (ESF) and the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Research Integrity (ORI) have announced plans to hold a World Conference on Research Integrity in Lisbon, Portugal on 17 to 19 September 2007. ESF and ORI are working together as co-organisers for this event, which will be hosted by the Portuguese Ministry for Science, Technology and Higher Education (MCTES), through the Portuguese Foundation for Science (FCT) in collaboration with the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (FCG), as part of the forthcoming EU Portuguese Presidency. Additional support will be provided by the European Commission, the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO), the UK Research Integrity Office and the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). Travel grants are expected to be provided by the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) for some attendees. There is a close link between the Conference and its Planning Committee with the parallel and linked activity of the OECD Global Science Forum on Research Misconduct. It is anticipated that many of the Global Science Forum participants will also take an active part in the Lisbon event.

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.

The conference will take place in the presence of Professor José-Mariano Gago, Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal, and Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for Research. Confirmed speakers will also include: Professor Bertil Andersson and Professor Ian Halliday from the European Science Foundation (ESF), Dr. Chris Pascal, Director of the US Office of Research Integrity (ORI), Professor Motoyuki Ono, President of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Professor Nick Steneck, University of Michigan and Dr. Christine C. Boesz, Inspector General, US National Science Foundation. The overall Conference Rapporteur will be Dr. Peter Tindemans.

Preliminary Programme

Sunday 16 September

16.30-17.30	Registration
17.30-19.00	Opening Ceremony
19.00-20.00	Reception & Buffet Dinner

Monday 17 September

09.00-10.00	Opening Session: Background & Challenges
10.20-13.00	Plenary: Confronting Misconduct in Research Lunch Break
14.30-17.00	Plenary: Institutional Challenges & Responsibilities
17.20-18.30	Working Groups – Session 1: White Paper Presentations Break
19.30-21.30	Conference Dinner & Keynote Speaker

Tuesday 18 September

09.00-11.30	Plenary: International Codes & Guidelines
11.45-13.00	Working Groups – Session 2: Issues Lunch Break
14.30-17.00	Concurrent 1: Guidelines for Authorship & Publication Concurrent 2: Prevention & Responsible Conduct of Research Education
17.20-19.00	Working Groups – Session 3: Options
19.30	Dinner

Wednesday 19 September

09.00-10.00	Working Groups – Session 4: Conclusions & Recommendations
10.20-12.20	Working Groups: Reports & Discussion
12.20-13.00	Closing Plenary: Conclusions & Next Steps

Working Groups

Five Working Groups will provide a forum for participants to meet, discuss, and make recommendations on important global issues relating to research integrity. Their conclusions and recommendations will be reported and discussed during the final day of the Conference and summarized by the Conference Rapporteur for distribution after the Conference.

Working Group #1. Global Response to Research Misconduct

Working Group #2. Institutional Responsibility for Promoting Research Integrity

Working Group #3. Codes & Guidelines for Best Practices

Working Group #4. Responsible Publication Practices

Working Group #5. Prevention & Training

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Closing Date for Applications **27 April 2007**