



Annual Conference 2016

Parallel session information

Parallel session 1: 13:15 – 14:05

OPTION A: Promoting and supporting research integrity - two case studies.

Speakers: Dr Elizabeth Adams, Researcher Development Manager, University of Glasgow; Miss Marice Lunny, Head of Research Policy and Ethics, Kings College London.

Overview: How should institutions approach promoting and supporting research integrity? Case studies from two research-intensive universities will give an overview of the developments made and challenges faced in embedding the research ethics and integrity agenda.

This will include raising awareness of research integrity issues, the embedding of a new online research ethics application system, the integration of research ethics and integrity training, and the creation of sources of help and advice for researchers.

OPTION B: Research integrity for the biosciences.

Speakers: Dr Nikki Osbourne, Responsible Practice in Research.

Overview: This session will give an overview of current research integrity issues and initiatives relevant to bioscience disciplines. The research framework for research involving human and animal subjects will be compared, and the current challenges facing the scientific community in terms of the quality and reporting of biomedical research discussed.

OPTION C: Review of The Concordat to Support Research Integrity.

Speaker: Jamie Arrowsmith, Programme Manager (Research Policy), Universities UK.

Overview: Universities UK has undertaken a review of The Concordat to Support Research Integrity on behalf of the signatories. This review has focussed on the ways in which the concordat has been implemented by universities, the strengths and weaknesses evident in the approach and the views of stakeholders on challenges and progress since its launch in July 2012.

This session will offer a first chance to discuss the findings of the review and the recommendations for action that have emerged from the process – recommendations for universities, for policy makers and for research funders.

Parallel session 2: 14:10 - 15:00

OPTION D: Embedding Integrity - Taking a Woven Approach.

Speaker: Dr Sara Shinton, Academic Development & Leadership Consultant, Shinton Consulting Ltd.

Overview: Researchers in UK universities now have access to hundreds of hours of training each year. This session will explore the opportunities and effective approaches for introducing research integrity under the umbrella of many different topics with the aim of weaving integrity into every day research practice.

Looking at the “life cycle” of a researcher, we will identify the natural points at which training in integrity can be introduced and adapted to tie in with the changing roles and responsibilities of researchers as they develop independence and leadership. We will also look at the potential for integrity to be undermined under pressure and how to instil in researchers the awareness of these tensions and give them strategies to manage these.

OPTION E: Research ethics in the physical sciences is not just a box to be ticked.

Speaker: Professor Philip Moriarty, School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Nottingham.

Overview: We're lucky in the physical sciences - especially in physics – because the majority of us tend not to deal with problems that relate directly to healthcare, disease, or, more broadly, experiments with human/animal subjects. This sometimes, however, leads to an unfortunate “I don't need to worry about research ethics” mentality which, when coupled to box-ticking protocols, can too often result in a lack of awareness of key aspects of scientific misconduct. I'll discuss just how we might publicise and address questions of ethical research standards in the physical sciences.

OPTION F: UKRIO Stakeholder Forum

Speakers: James Parry, Chief Executive, UKRIO; Professor Bernard Silverman FRS FAcSS, Chair, UKRIO and Home Office Chief Scientific Adviser.

Overview: The Chair and Chief Executive of UKRIO will discuss *the ongoing and future work of the charity*. The following discussion will explore how UKRIO and subscriber institutions can work together to sustain and enhance research integrity, both by improving the general culture and by addressing individual cases of poor practice.

Next steps

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