

Monday, 29 May 2023		Side Events – The Hilton Hotel
<b>14:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Side event: Research integrity and security: Exploring funding agency roles in supporting responsible internationalization and reciprocity</b> Room: Mesdag I	
<b>Introduction</b>	<p>Over the past several GRC meeting cycles, the body has discussed several topics related to research integrity, research security, and the responsible internationalization of research. With challenges and innovations in research increasingly requiring collaborative multinational efforts to solve global problems, funding agencies must provide researchers with clear guidelines that support developing and fostering productive international research partnerships. These efforts at present are sometimes hampered by differing, and sometimes contradictory, disclosure requirements, ethical standards, and data sharing practices. Research funding agencies and the researchers with whom we work would benefit from more examples of best practices related to fostering responsible international collaborations, designing and deploying bilateral and multilateral funding opportunities, negotiating across regulatory and ideological differences, and fostering a culture of trust. This side event will foster discourse among funding agencies about how we can better collaborate around these issues by focusing on the notion of reciprocity. We will share examples and case studies from our work and providing networking opportunities for funders to share and evolve best practices.</p> <p>Organized by: National Science Foundation (NSF) &amp; The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT)</p>	
14:00-14:45	Keynote speeches	By STINT the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education, the Swedish Research Council, Belmont Forum, Japan Science and Technology Agency and the Nation Science Foundation (United States).
14:45-15:30	Background presentation	Scientific relationships need to be formed in a world where geopolitical tensions are increasing and power dynamics are changing. At the same time global science collaboration is needed more than ever. How can relationship building occur when global, national and individual goals need to be considered jointly? What are some of the main expectations and conflicts?
<b>15:30-15:45</b>	<b>Break</b>	
15:45-16:45	Breakout group discussion	What is reciprocal, secure, excellent and fair international collaborations: Expectations and conflicts?
16:45-17:00	Summary of group discussions	Presentation of group discussions

17:00-17:45	<b>Panel discussion</b>	
17:45-18:00	Concluding remarks	Suggestions for the work ahead.

Monday, 30 May 2023		Side Events – The Hilton Hotel
09:00 – 11:00	<b>Side Event: Leveraging Transdisciplinary Research for Community Impact: Global South Experiences</b> Room: Mesdag I	
<b>Introduction</b>	<p>For several years, there have been increasing calls for the scientific enterprise to redefine research excellence aligned to the calls for greater social and economic impacts of research. Examples of relevant studies with a focus on Africa, Asia and the Global South have concluded that although scientific merit is necessary, research excellence is achieved through the meaningful involvement of beneficiary communities. Transdisciplinary research (TDR) offers a research mode that integrates both academic researchers from unrelated disciplines and non-academic stakeholders to achieve a common goal. In this context, the GRC Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting in Bangkok in 2022 started discussing TDR in the context of research and the Global South. The Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI) and National Research Foundation (NRF) South Africa are co-hosting a side event at the 11th Annual Meeting of the Global Research Council on 30 May 2023. This side event seeks to explore, share experiences, and profile how research councils in the Global South are supporting the integration of community voices in the research they fund to support greater uptake and demonstrate research impact on communities. The side event centers the insights and skillset emanating from TDR to demonstrate how harnessing these can tackle complex problems, support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and contribute to the discourse on equitable research partnerships. It builds on several GRC statements of principles as well as the renewed mission, vision, and objectives of the GRC. This side event is open to all the GRC participating councils and partners.</p> <p>Organized by: Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI) &amp; National Research Foundation – South Africa (NRF-SA)</p>	
	<b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Aldo Stroebe, National Research Foundation, South Africa	
	<b>Setting the Scene Statement:</b> Katsia Paulavets, International Science Council (ISC)	
09:00 – 11:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Asia-Pacific (Dr. Patamawadee Pochanukul, Thailand Science Research and Innovation)</li> <li>2. Sub-Saharan Africa (Dr. Fulufhelo Nelwamondo, National Research Foundation, South Africa)</li> </ol>	

3. Latin America (Dr. Flavio Caiafa, National Research and Innovation Agency, Uruguay)
4. Europe (Dr. Paula Eerola, Academy of Finland)

**Rapporteur:** Dr. Luana Polisel, Wageningen University & Research, The Netherlands

9:00 – 11:00

**Side event: The Race and Ethnicity dimension of Inclusion and Diversity in the Research Ecosystem**

Room: White I & II

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Inclusion and diversity lead to better science, and full participation of the population is required to meet research-related expectations regionally and internationally. Inequalities in academic research manifest in many different ways, including, many times, the disproportionately low rates of grants awarded to women and to researchers from underrepresented racial & ethnic backgrounds.

Change requires evidence-based and measurable approaches. Currently, there are limits to defining categories and collecting data that are comparable, especially on a global level. When tackling racial and ethnic diversity, defining goals and measuring progress seem much more difficult (<https://revistapesquisa.fapesp.br/en/battle-against-institutional-racism-in-science/>).

Funding organizations and academic publishers are stakeholders and gatekeepers in the science ecosystem. They implement peer review processes involving thousands of researchers in study sections and editorial boards, an essential component of academic self-governance and can, intently or not, induce behaviours affecting the research system.

This session builds on a workshop the Royal Society of Chemistry and Elsevier organized with the participation of the German Research Foundation (DFG), EC Joint Research Centre (JRC), National Research Foundation of South Africa (NRFSA), Sao Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP), UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), and Wellcome Trust ([https://www.elsevier.com/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/1284916/Royal-Society-of-Chemistry-Workshop-CS-WEB.pdf](https://www.elsevier.com/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/1284916/Royal-Society-of-Chemistry-Workshop-CS-WEB.pdf)). A follow-up discussion focused the challenges of a globally harmonised collection of race and ethnicity data in the broader research ecosystem.

The session aims at discussing:

- How can funding and publishing organizations support a transformation on issues around diversity, race and ethnicity?
- What do we need to measure to assess progress?
- How can we improve racial and ethnical diversity within our organizations?
- How can we better address unconscious bias in peer review?

Organized by: São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP), UK Royal Society of Chemistry, Elsevier

9:00	<b>Welcome and introduction to the topic</b> Prof. Ana Maria Almeida (FAPESP) Dr Jo Reynolds FRSC (Director, Science and Communities, Royal Society of Chemistry) Prof Carlos H de Brito Cruz OBE (Senior Vice President, Research Networks, Elsevier)
9:15	<b>Setting the stage: Summary of the previous workshop</b> Prof. Ana Maria Almeida (FAPESP) Max Voegler, PhD (Vice President, Global Strategic Networks-DACH, Elsevier)
9:27	<b>The DFG: current development on Equity and Diversity</b> Dr Eva Reichwein, German Research Foundation (DFG), Deputy head of the division “Research Culture” and within this group head of the team “Equal Opportunities” at the DFG head office
9:39	<b>Diversity initiatives at the NRF South Africa?</b> Dr. Gugu Moche (Executive Director: Grants Management and Systems Administration, NRF, South Africa)
9:50	<b>Break</b>
10:00	<b>RSC positive action programmes towards R&amp;E inclusion and diversity</b> Dr. Joanna Jasiewicz (Race and Ethnicity Unit Lead, Global Inclusion, Royal Society of Chemistry)
10:12	<b>Development of Diversity Data Schemas for Researcher Self-reporting Globally</b> Holly Falk-Krzesinski (Vice President, Research Intelligence, Elsevier)
10:30	<b>Q&amp;A and open discussion with representatives from funders</b> Open to participants
11:00	Event Close

**14:00 – 17:30 Side Event: Supporting Researchers at Risk**

Room: Mesdag II

***How can the international scientific community support researchers at risk, does more need to be done, is there value in greater cooperation and coordination?***

World events have highlighted the need for the international scientific community to help researchers and academics facing discrimination, displacement, persecution, suffering and violence either as the result of conflict; or because of their political/religious beliefs or sexual orientation.

Where academics and researchers are killed or flee, intellectual capital is lost, and ruined societies cannot be re-built. Valuable knowledge and talent are lost, not only to the country concerned, but also to the global scientific enterprise.

This side meeting will bring together heads of research council with other members of the scientific community to share best practice in supporting researchers at risk, discuss how best the international scientific community can support researchers at risk, if more needs to be done, and if there is a need for or value in greater cooperation and coordination.

It will consider the role of GRC participant organisations, how they work/ can work with others in the sector nationally and internationally to develop sustainable frameworks and approaches to support researchers at risk and help rebuild research systems in the aftermath of conflict or disaster.

As well as representatives of GRC participant organisations, invited speakers and participants are likely to include representatives and beneficiaries of initiatives supporting researchers at risk, universities and institutions supporting and hosting researchers at risk, national academies, government and third sector development organisations and agencies, other multilateral organisations.

Organized by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)

**14:00 – 15:30 Side Event: Promoting Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion in Research – Reviewing the Statement of Principles after 7 Years**

Room: Mesdag I

The EDI WG side event will present an opportunity for GRC participating organizations to reflect and build on the SoP and learn how their peers have changed and improved the ways in which they address the challenges women and minority groups face in the research ecosystem. In particular, the event will explore how the concept of Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) may help devise initiatives and programs better tailored to address challenges that remain prevalent or under-addressed, such as gender-based violence or the diversity dimension in research.

Organized by: Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group

14:00

**Welcome and Introduction**

- GRC EDI Global South Co-Chair (Ana Almeida, FAPESP).
- GRC EDI WG North Co-Chair (Adrien Braem, Science Europe).

14:00	<p><b>Panel</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Signe Ratso – Deputy Director-General – Directorate-General "Research and Innovation" (RTD) – European Commission</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser – Chief Executive of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and Regius Professor of Botany at the University of Cambridge, UK.</p> <p>Professor Marco Antonio Zago – President of the São Paulo Research Foundation (Fapesp) and Professor of Medicine at the University of São Paulo, Brazil.</p> <p>Dr. Laksana Tri Handoko – Chairman of National Research and Innovation Agency of Indonesia (BRIN)</p> <p>Dr. Hisham Sabir – Executive Director of the Qatar National Research Fund, QRDIC</p> <p>Dr. Nungu Amos – Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology</p>
15:10	<b>Q&amp;A from participants</b>
15:20	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <p>Concluding comments from the moderator</p>
15:30	End of event

Thursday, 1 June 2023

Side Event – Peace Palace

14:00 – 17:00	<p><b>Side Event: Making research assessment reform a global endeavour</b></p> <p>In the last year, the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA) has emerged as a major initiative on reforming research assessment, amassing support from over 450 research organisations between October 2022 and April 2023. This number continues to grow and currently includes 40 'public or private research funding organisations and their associations'. The vision of CoARA is that the assessment of research, researchers and research organisations recognises the diverse outputs, practices and activities that maximise the quality and impact of research. The Coalition aims to be global in scope. However, at present the membership of CoARA is predominantly European (where the initiative originated). This is especially true regarding the Research Funding Organisations that have committed to the initiative thus far. Research Funding Organisations are a key voice in discussions relating to all aspects of research assessment, the GRC Annual Meeting offers an ideal forum for discussions relating to the global scope of CoARA and the reforming research assessment agenda more broadly. The objective of this side event</p>
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is to discuss and exchange on global perspectives towards CoARA, focussing on national and regional challenges and barriers that could hinder the Coalition from reaching its aim of being a global initiative, as well as the opportunities that may exist to expand the initiative into under-represented regions.

Organized by: Science Europe & the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA)

In partnership with the GRC Responsible Research Assessment Working Group

14:00	<p><b>Welcome</b> Marc Schiltz – President of Science Europe</p>
14:05 – 14:45	<p><b>Keynote addresses – The Research Assessment Reform Initiative</b> Signe Ratso – European Commission DG-RTD, Deputy Director General Rianne Letschert – Chair of the CoARA Steering Board</p>
14:45 – 16:00	<p><b>Global perspectives on the Agreement for Reforming Research Assessment</b> Case study presentations from the Global Research Council regions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Americas</li> <li>• Asia-Pacific</li> <li>• Europe</li> <li>• Middle East/North Africa</li> <li>• Sub-Saharan Africa</li> </ul>
16:00 – 16:45	<p><b>Breakout group discussions</b> Moderated by the Global Research Council WG RRA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can an initiative such as CoARA help your organisation to improve its research assessment processes? If yes, how? If no, why?</li> <li>• How can international reform initiatives simultaneously promote coordinated approaches whilst also respecting diversity and organisational autonomy?</li> <li>• Is a common global approach to research assessment reform possible?</li> </ul>
16:45 – 17:00	<p><b>Break-out summaries &amp; plenary conclusions</b></p>
17:00	<p><b>Closing remarks</b> Lidia Borrell-Damián – Secretary General, Science Europe</p>