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Updates on the Project for Scholarly Integrity

CGS UPDATE ON PSI ACTIVITIES AND TOOLS

The lead article in the June edition of the CGS Communicator, "An Update on the Project for Scholarly Integrity and New Tools in the RCR Toolbox," provides a detailed update on the PSI. In addition to informing new members of the graduate community of the project's history, the article highlights new tools that have been used in, or developed through, the project, as well as tools that may be useful for institutions seeking to develop educational resources on their campuses.

Tools featured in the article include the common assessment instruments used by PSI Awardees as they implemented individual projects to strengthen their institutions' awareness of and concern for research and scholarly integrity. The first instrument fielded by Awardees was the [Research Integrity Inventory Survey](#), developed by CGS in collaboration with Awardee institutions to inventory program and campus activities at the outset of the project. The second instrument, the [Survey of Organizational Research Climate](#), was developed by Carol Thrush and Brian Martinson, who partnered with the Consortium comprised by Michigan State University (MSU), Penn State University (PSU) and the University of Wisconsin, Madison to develop a pilot version of the now-finalized instrument. The technical workshop will include presentations by PSI Affiliates and other CGS member institutions that have used the Research Integrity Inventory Survey on their campuses.

The article, to be available on the [CGS website](#) June 2, 2011, provides an update on CGS analysis of data for both instruments and highlights areas of future need, including the need for learning assessment instruments that evaluate graduate learning outcomes in education programs focused on scholarly integrity and the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR).

More information on these topics will be provided at a technical workshop, "New Tools in the RCR Toolbox" that will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on July 13th, 2011 at the [CGS Summer Workshop](#) in Monterey, California.

National News in Research Ethics

OFFICE OF RESEARCH INTEGRITY SEEKING NEW DIRECTOR

The Office of Research Integrity (ORI), a part of the Department of Health and Human Services, is currently accepting applications for the position of Director. More information, including the [job description](#), can be found at USAJOBS, the Federal Government's official system for employment information.

NEW JOURNAL EXPLORES ETHICAL DIMENSIONS OF HEALTHCARE

In partnership with the Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Press, the Navy Medicine Institute for the Medical Humanities and Research Leadership has published the inaugural issue of a new journal, the [Journal of Healthcare, Science and the Humanities](#). The international journal addresses "healthcare medicine, the health sciences, research, and the medical humanities" and accepts submissions on a broad range of interdisciplinary topics, including the ethical dimensions of medical practices and research. Dr. Edward Gabriele, Special Assistant to the Navy Surgeon General for Ethics and Professional Integrity, serves as the journal's Editor.

Upcoming Events

CONFERENCE ON ETHICS IN RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

The [University of Washington](#), an affiliate of CGS's NSF-funded project on [Graduate Education for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#) (2006-2008), has announced a [conference](#) on ethical considerations in research collaborations, to be held at the University of Washington on September 22-23, 2011. Hosted in partnership with Region X of the Public Health Service and funded by ORI, the conference theme is "Ensuring an Ethical Foundation for Interdisciplinary Collaborations in Biomedical Research and the Provision of Public Health Services." According to the Conference announcement, the event will address the ethical dimensions in three areas:

- **University-Industry Collaboration:** Building Translational Research Models
- **Research to Researcher Collaboration:** Promoting Shared Standards and Resources
- **Collaboration in the International Arena:** Challenges and Opportunities

A special focus of the conference is discussing and building best practices that can inform and enhance collaborations in the areas above. Suggested attendees include researchers, physicians, compliance officials, educators,

attorneys, government employees, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. The organizers also recommend that institutions send teams of participants so that they may "work with the groups to identify and develop tactical methods for instituting best practices into their organizations."

A [preliminary agenda](#) can be found on the conference website.

QUEST FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE 2011: REGISTRATION OPEN

[Online registration](#) has opened for the Quest for Research Excellence Conference, featured in the [April 2011 PSI Newsletter](#). The conference is organized by ORI in collaboration with the Georgetown-Howard Universities Center for Clinical and Translational Science, from August 29-30, 2011 in Washington, DC. According to the online document detailing the [Conference Objectives](#), the conference addresses both research on research integrity (RRI) and education in the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) and "is designed to meet the needs of researchers, research administrators, research integrity officers, research integrity educators, graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars."

If you would like to suggest an event, activity, or news item for inclusion in the PSI Newsletter, please contact Julia Kent at the address below. For more information about the Project for Scholarly Integrity, please contact:

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