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Updates on the Project for Scholarly Integrity

EMORY APPROVES REQUIRED PROGRAM ON SCHOLARLY INTEGRITY

Emory University's Laney Graduate School has announced the approval of a [new program](#) on scholarly integrity for doctoral students in all disciplines. In their individual project for the PSI, Emory has developed a number of activities that seek to integrate education in research ethics and integrity into the graduate curriculum. The "Program for Scholarly Integrity," a collaborative effort with program faculty and the [Emory Center for Ethics](#), will support the goal of program integration and advance key aims in Emory's overall project: to develop students' skills of critical reflection about problems of scholarly integrity, and to increase knowledge of standards, regulations and best practices with respect to ethics and scholarly integrity.

Beginning in the fall of 2012, participation in the program will be required of incoming doctoral students in the biological/biomedical sciences and by Fall 2013, it will be required of incoming doctoral students in the humanities and social sciences. Educational components will include:

1. A core course in scholarly integrity (supported by the Laney Graduate School in collaboration with the Emory Center for Ethics).
2. Program-based training in ethics and the responsible conduct of research, which may take place within existing courses or in the form of faculty-led workshops or journal clubs.
3. A minimum of four topical public workshops, training sessions, or lectures.

More information about Emory's approach to developing the program can be found in a [presentation](#) by Dr. Lisa Tedesco, Vice Provost, Academic Affairs and Graduate Studies and Dean of the Laney Graduate School and Dr. Mark Risjord, Associate Dean (term ending 2011), at the PSI Capstone Conference in Washington, DC. Please contact Dr. Cathryn Johnson, Senior Associate Dean in the Laney Graduate School for more information.

NEW PSI BLOG ON PREDATORY BEHAVIOR IN RESEARCH

Dr. Carolyn Lin, Associate Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Connecticut has contributed a new [blog](#) to the PSI website, "Predatory Behavior that Can Circumvent the Practice of Normative Responsible Conduct of Research." The blog offers a case study on "predatory behavior" in research, described as a pattern of stealing authorship credit from co-PI's on a federally-funded proposal and denying them compensation for their time and research efforts. Dr. Lin uses the hypothetical scenario to raise questions about the role of graduate deans, institutions, and funding agencies for preventing and addressing such a situation:

- If a situation like this occurred at your institution, what could be done?
- What type of policies and codes should be developed to guard against this type of research misconduct?
- What role should the funding agency play in reviewing and evaluating the annual reports submitted by the PI?

If you would like to join the discussion, please log-in or register as a new user on the PSI website at www.scholarlyintegrity.org/RegisterUser.aspx.

CGS SESSION: ACADEMIC INTEGRITY IN MASTER'S EDUCATION

The 2011 [CGS Annual Meeting](#) in Scottsdale, Arizona (December 7-10) featured a concurrent session, "Academic and Research Integrity in Master's Education." The session was designed to address a gap in resources and best practices at new master's institutions. Discussion topics included the content, structure, and staffing of master's-level RCR programs, plagiarism, online publishing of theses, responsibilities of graduate coordinators and the concept of academic forgiveness.

Presentations were given by Dr. Edelma Huntley, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies and Chief Research Officer at Appalachian State University and Dr. Gerald Pogatshnick, Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Vice President for Research at Eastern Kentucky University. While the session was not part of the funded activities for the Project for Scholarly Integrity, CGS projects on Research Integrity provided a reference for participants' activities. Please check the [Meetings and Events page](#) of the CGS website in to access the session presentations.

**National and International News in Research Ethics
& Graduate Education**

ORI ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR

The Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has announced that [David E. Wright](#), a consultant to the agency since 2001, has been named its new Director. Dr. Wright is currently Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies at Michigan State University (MSU,) where from 1993 to 2004 he served as Assistant Vice President for Research Ethics and Standards and Intellectual Integrity Officer and for 11 years as Chair of MSU's Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects. As former consultant to ORI, Dr. Wright worked with the Division of Investigative Oversight and the Division of Education and Integrity. David Wright will replace Dr. Don Wright, Acting Director of ORI since 2009.

CANADA ANNOUNCES TRI-AGENCY FRAMEWORK FOR RCR

The three federal agencies that fund research in Canada have announced a [Tri-Agency Framework for Responsible Conduct of Research](#). The collective work of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), the Framework outlines policies for responsible research practices for researchers, institutions and the individual agencies. One particularly notable aspect of the framework is that it will allow the Canadian agencies to publicly announce the names of individuals who have engaged in acts of research misconduct as described in the new framework. As a result of the collaboration the agencies have established a new [Panel on Responsible Conduct of Research \(PRCR\)](#).

Recent and Upcoming Events

SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE CREATES GLOBAL FORUMS ON RESPONSIBLE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION

The Society for Neuroscience (SfN) has recently collaborated with a number of international organizations to support responsible conduct in the global neuroscience community. SfN's Fall 2011 [newsletter](#) highlights three collaborative research activities with the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO), the Federation of European Neuroscience Society (FENS), the Japan Neuroscience Society (JNS) and the Chinese Neuroscience Society (CNS) on the topic of responsible scientific communication. Events included:

- An Ethics Symposium, "Ethics of Scientific Publication—Why Does It Matter?" at the IBRO World Congress in Florence, Italy.
- A workshop organized by SfN and CNS at Peking University in Beijing, "Responsible Scientific Communication: Guidelines for Getting Published. Dr. Beth Fischer and Dr. Michael Zigmond, faculty members at the University of Pittsburgh and leaders of the university's [Survival](#)

[Skills and Ethics Program](#), conducted the workshop with support from SfN.

- A symposium preceding the CNS Annual Meeting in Zhengzhou, China, "Being a Successful Scientist: The Importance of Responsible Conduct."

Presentations from the IBRO World Congress and CNS conference symposiums are accessible via the SfN's website at www.sfn.org/global.

THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY ANNOUNCED

The [website](#) of the Second World Conference on Research Integrity (WCRI) has announced that a Third WCRI will be held in Montreal, Quebec, from May 5-8, 2013 in Montreal. The First WCRI, held in Lisbon in 2007, brought together researchers and educators to discuss strategies for harmonizing research misconduct policies and supporting research integrity both locally and internationally. Building on this effort in 2010, the Second WCRI in Singapore resulted in an internationally-endorsed set of standards to encourage governments, organizations and researchers to develop more comprehensive standards of research integrity. CGS will share event details with the PSI community as they become available.

PRIM&R CONFERENCE ON ANIMAL CARE AND USE

Public Responsibility in Research and Education (PRIM&R) has announced the [2012 Conference](#) of the International Animal Care and Use Committee (IUCUC), to be held in Boston from March 20-21, with pre-conference programs from March 18-19. The conference is jointly sponsored by the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, National Institutes of Health; the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; and the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animals. See the PRIM&R website for [registration](#) details.

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