



## UK Research Integrity Office

### Annual Conference 2015:

### Parallel session information

#### Parallel session 1: 13:15 – 14:05

**OPTION A: Can research integrity training make a difference? Reflections and practical suggestions from The University of Sheffield.**

**Speaker:** Richard Hudson, Manager, Quality and Skills Team, Research and Innovation Services, University of Sheffield.

**Overview:** How can we influence individual researchers and research communities to take research integrity seriously? This session will encourage delegates to reflect very broadly on how to develop an approach that is effective (not just a tick box) and will spotlight on Sheffield's approach to training doctoral research students, sharing practical lessons and suggestions. The session will include plenty of time for discussion.

**OPTION B: Case study workshop: 'bring a problem' and UKRIO case studies.**

**Speakers:** Dr Peter Hedges, Head of the University Research Office, University of Cambridge and UKRIO Advisory Board member; James Parry, Chief Executive, UKRIO

**Overview:** Using problems and issues submitted by delegates, and case studies from UKRIO, this session will explore the challenges facing research integrity officers when promoting good practice and addressing misconduct, and also the 'grey areas' that researchers face when trying to meet required standards. Peter Hedges and James Parry will lead discussions on issues and pitfalls, and delegates will also be given the opportunity to share their experiences and perspectives.

**OPTION C: The Concordat to Support Research Integrity: three years on.**

**Speakers:** Jamie Arrowsmith, Programme Manager (Research; Efficiency), Universities UK; Dr Elizabeth Wager, Publications Consultant, Sideview and UKRIO Advisory Board member.

**Overview:** In July 2012, *The Concordat to Support Research Integrity* was published by a stakeholder group including Universities UK, the research councils, the higher education funding councils, the Wellcome Trust and various Government departments. It set out five commitments in order to provide assurances to Government, the public and the international community that research in the UK continues to be underpinned by the highest standards of rigour and integrity.

This joint session will examine the Concordat nearly three years after its publication. In two short talks, speakers will explore a review of its implementation across the higher education sector and how institutions have responded to a particular, often challenging recommendation of the Concordat. The session will include plenty of time for discussion.

- **Jamie Arrowsmith: *Reviewing the Concordat: three years on.***

As we approach the third anniversary of the Concordat's launch, Universities UK is conducting a review of implementation across the sector and considers the concordat's role in supporting integrity in research. This talk revisits the commitments of the Concordat, provides early sight of the findings of the review and considers next steps.

- **Dr Elizabeth Wager: *Reporting misconduct investigations: are UK universities implementing the Concordat on Research Integrity?***

The Concordat called on institutions to publish annual reports including 'a high-level statement on any formal investigations of research misconduct that have been undertaken'. Dr Wager will present findings from a survey of UKRIO subscribers and other UK universities to show how far these recommendations are being followed, what information is available on public websites, and how universities are interpreting this recommendation. This survey and discussions at the meeting will be used to inform the development of guidelines to help UKRIO members.

## **Parallel session 2: 14:10 - 15:00**

### **OPTION D: The Culture of Scientific Research in the UK.**

**Speaker:** Professor Ottoline Leyser CBE FRS, Director, Sainsbury Laboratory, University of Cambridge and former Deputy Chair, Nuffield Council on Bioethics.

**Overview:** Does the culture of scientific research encourage good science?

In 2013, the Nuffield Council on Bioethics embarked upon a series of engagement activities that aimed to inform and advance debate about the ethical consequences of the culture of scientific research in terms of encouraging good research practice and the production of high quality science. A summary report is available at [http://nuffieldbioethics.org/wp-content/uploads/Nuffield\\_research\\_culture\\_short\\_report\\_web.pdf](http://nuffieldbioethics.org/wp-content/uploads/Nuffield_research_culture_short_report_web.pdf)

While uncovering many positive aspects of the UK's research culture, participants reported concerns about how factors such as competition, assessment mechanisms, career progression and workload may compromise the quality and integrity of research.

Professor Leyser, who chaired this research project, will discuss its findings, their implications for research integrity in the UK, and suggestions for action.

**OPTION E: Promoting Research Integrity: Perspectives from the U.S. Office of Research Integrity.**

**Speaker:** Zoë Hammatt, Director, Division of Education and Integrity, U.S. Office of Research Integrity

**Overview:** This session will provide an overview of the role and work of the U.S. Office of Research Integrity, challenges faced by the ORI when conducting regulatory oversight review of allegations of research misconduct, and learning points on the promotion of the Responsible Conduct of Research ('RCR'), particularly in the context of international collaborations.

**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 charity's mission statement and the ongoing and new work streams that flow from it. The following discussion will explore how UKRIO and subscriber institutions can work together to promote research integrity, both by improving the general culture and by addressing individual cases of poor practice.

**Next steps**

Once you have decided which sessions you would like to attend, please complete the following questionnaire to make your choices:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/UKRIO-parallel-sessions>

Your selection will then be emailed back to you within seven days.

*Please note that we may have to limit the number of delegates for certain sessions. If this means that you are unable to attend one of your preferred sessions, we will contact you as soon as possible so you can make an alternative selection.*

**Please complete the questionnaire by Friday 1 May 2015.**