TIME TO ACT ON A PAN-EUROPEAN POLICY ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY TRAINING: HOW CAN EMBO CONTRIBUTE?

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EMBO

EUROPEAN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY ORGANISATION
EMBO members

– more than 1400 scientists
– annual peer election
– guide all EMBO activities to deliver high-quality programmes

EMBO Staff

– programme managers and administrators (25)
- journal editors and editorial assistants (20)
EMBC
European Molecular Biology Conference

– intergovernmental organization of 27 member states
– funds General Programme of EMBO
Programmes

EMBO Courses & Workshops
– funding & support to organize practical courses, workshops & conferences

EMBO Long-Term Fellowships
– post-doctoral research funding

EMBO Short-Term Fellowships
– short research stays for up to three months

EMBO Young Investigators
– funding & networking with young group leaders
Some national or local efforts on training in Research Integrity in Europe.....

But:
- coordination at the European level is needed
- tools are needed: guidelines, training modules

Key problem: raising general awareness among scientists of the issues and existing guidelines
Potential role of EMBO

A. Existing communication channels
   - EMBC Member States and national institutions
   - EMBO Members, Young Investigators, Fellows
   - EMBO scientific publications: authors, reviewers, readers

B. Experience
   - peer review activities in EMBO programmes
   - manuscript reviewing process at journals
Activities and Platforms at EMBO

EMBO Laboratory Management Courses
- training for conflict management, responsible mentoring
- platform for future activities

Annual EMBO Fellows Meeting
- Session on research integrity for postdocs

The EMBO Journal
- Transparent reviewing process
Outlook

- a concerted action on RI in Europe?
  (who involved, who initiates, who leads?)

- a European ombudsman system?

EMBO:
- EMBO Members as ombudsmen in their institutions?

- EMBO Science & Society Programme with new focus:
  research integrity as major remit