The Road to the 2nd World Conference on Research Integrity

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Road to the 2nd World Conference

- 2005 ORI “European Conference”
- 2007 1st World Conference
- ESF Co-sponsor
- European Commission
- 2008 Singapore
- 2010 2nd World Conference
Goals

- Identify the challenges faced in promoting and maintaining high standards for integrity in research.
- Develop suggestions for ways to address these challenges in local, national, and international settings.
- Provide an opportunity to develop a professional statement of the basic principles that should inform all research, wherever it is undertaken.
Initially, research leaders were not concerned
- Misconduct is rare (1 in 10,000 or less)
- Self-regulation keeps misconduct in check
- Standards for integrity in research are high

Studies challenged this view
- Serious misconduct ~1 on 100
- Questionable practices ~ 1 in 10+

Major challenge:
- What can be done to improve integrity in research?
Develop systems for responding to misconduct:
- Institutional
- Professional
- National
- Regional and global

Challenges that remain:
- Incomplete adoption of systems
- No consistency between systems

Research is global; standard for integrity are local
- What is plagiarism?
- Is self-plagiarism wrong?
- Is interference with another researcher’s work misconduct?
Many ways in which integrity might be improved:
- Better guides for responsible conduct
- Improved training
- Reduce pressures on researchers
- Create research climates that foster integrity

Major challenges:
- Who should develop and distribute guides?
- Who is responsible for teaching future researchers about integrity?
- What can institutions do to reduce pressures on researchers?
- What climates are best for fostering integrity?
Welcome

We have a full agenda

It’s time to get to work