



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

European Forum on Philanthropy and Research Funding Evaluation workshop series

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Venue: Seminar Room B
Said Business School
University of Oxford

Whether aiming to fund the best research or to evaluate its outcomes, there is no substitute for the judgement of experts. However in recent years the 'gold standard' of peer review has come under increasing scrutiny as a result of high-profile cases of bias and fraud, accusations that it stifles innovation and risk, and complaints of 'peer review fatigue' due to the proliferation of funding programmes and journals.

How can Foundations avoid the pitfalls of peer review while aiming to fund high-risk and innovative research? How can the burden on researchers – both as applicants and peer-reviewers – be minimised while ensuring the credibility the system? What is the role of evidence in peer review and how is it best handled? How can Foundations balance the interests of researchers with the need for accountability to its other stakeholders?

This international workshop will be of interest to all Foundations seeking to learn from the experiences of the research community and public agencies.

Final version of the programme available in November 2010

Morning Session : The future of peer review – minimising bias –maximising risk

11.00 *Welcome and introduction*

Dr Anne-Marie Engel, Director of Research, Lundbeckfonden

11.05 *The ups and downs of evaluating research*

Professor Chris Caswill, Visiting Professor, Department of Politics, University of Exeter

11.25 *Independent peer-review in decision making*

Dr Pirjo Hiidenmaa, Director, Culture and Society Research Unit, Academy of Finland

11.45 *Innovation in Peer Review*

Dr Susan Morrell, Head of Peer Review Innovation, UK Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

12.05 *In scientists we trust: peer review and funding path breaking research*

Dr Maria Nedeva, Manchester Business School

12.30 Lunch

Afternoon Session I: researchers as stakeholders in evaluation

13.30 *Keeping it real: getting the best out of post-award monitoring and evaluation*

Dr Liz Allen, Senior Evaluation Adviser, Wellcome Trust

13.50 *The researcher in the middle: strategies and reactions to research evaluation*

Dr Finn Hanson, Copenhagen Business School

14.10 *Trends and challenges in research assessment*

Dr Alis Oancea, Department of Education, University of Oxford

14.30 *Researcher's perspective and discussion*

Professor Ian Walmsley (Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research, University of Oxford)

15.00 Coffee

Afternoon Session II: Practical tools to lighten the peer review burden

15.15 *"Risky" research – is it any different?*

Dr Sybille Hinze, Institute for Research Information and Quality Assurance (DFG-IFQ)

15.35 *Added Value of Research in Philanthropy*

Dr Barry Knight, The Centre for Research & Innovation in Social Policy and Practice (CENTRIS)

15.55 *Researcher's perspective and discussion*

Dr Renzo Rubele, Euroscience

16.15 *Wrap up and conclusions*

Dr Anne-Marie Engel, Lundbeckfonden

16.30 Close

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