



EFC Research Forum Fifth Stakeholders' Conference

**RESEARCH AND SOCIAL INNOVATION:
THE POTENTIAL FOR EUROPEAN FOUNDATIONS TO PAVE THE WAY**

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The Internet is changing our life and our society. But most relevant to our common professional interests, the internet changes the way we do and manage research by drastically speeding up the global exchange and spreading of scientific results and reactions to them. In five to ten years time, the commonly accepted, traditional set of criteria on which we currently base our funding decisions may no longer be solely or wholly relevant. New forms of ex-ante and ex-post quality control may partly replace or amend peer review, citation indices and quality filters based on the reputation of a given publisher. Who will be the future gatekeepers in science? And how will a wide range of electronic publishing models change the scientists' browsing behaviour? How will new browsing behaviour affect research?

The **Fifth EFC Research Forum's Stakeholders' Conference** will feature as keynote speakers Maria Leptin, Director, European Molecular Biology Organisation, Philip Campbell, Editor-in-Chief, Nature, and Wilhelm Krull, Secretary General, VolkswagenStiftung. They will set the stage for sessions focussing on the following themes:

- **Changes and trends in science communication:**
 - How and to what extent has the digitisation of science changed the ways in which scientists work and communicate?
 - What impact do these changing relationships have on research funders?
 - How will the results of research be communicated to the public?
- **The impact of social media and networks on research:**
 - How can we harness the potential of social media for increased collaboration between scientists, foundations and public research organisations?
 - What are the challenges for researchers and how much scope is there for increased public participation in science?
- **Socially innovative research:**
 - How can foundations influence public policy to encourage socially innovative research?

Who should attend?

Leaders from foundations and public research organisations, representatives from EU institutions, scientists and science journalists and bloggers

Interested?

Registration opens 15 September 2011. For further information, please contact research@efc.be.

About the EFC Research Forum

A European Foundation Centre initiative, the mission of the EFC Research Forum is to facilitate more effective philanthropic support for research through transnational cooperation and information exchange. For more information, please visit www.efc.be/research_forum.



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