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Updates on the Project for Scholarly Integrity

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY EXPANDS SARI PROGRAM

[Penn State University \(PSU\)](#) has announced that it will expand its Scholarship and Research Integrity Program (SARI), a required RCR training program for PSU graduate students, to other groups on campus. Implemented in Fall of 2009, SARI was one component of Penn State's PSI project as well as part of a broader university initiative. According to the [SARI website](#), the program will now be required for new faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and undergraduate researchers.

The SARI program model for graduate students includes both interdisciplinary and program-specific RCR education delivered in two phases. During the first year of enrollment, graduate students are required to complete an online RCR training program provided by the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI). Then, prior to degree completion, graduate students engage in an additional 5 hours of discussion-based RCR education. Each department and program develops a plan to provide the additional, focused training. The [announcement](#) of the expanded program details the plans and procedures for providing this two-phase training to the new groups served by the program. More information about the implementation plan can be found in the More information about Penn State's PSI project can be found on the Participants page of the [PSI Website](#) and in the [July 2009](#) and [October 2010](#) PSI Newsletters.

CGS TO HOST WORKSHOP SESSION ON NEW PSI RESOURCES

The [Council of Graduate Schools \(CGS\)](#) will hold a special session on the Project for Scholarly Integrity at the [CGS New Deans Institute and Summer Workshop for Graduate Deans](#) in Monterey, California (July 9-13, 2011). The session, "New Resources in PSI Toolbox," will take place on Wednesday, July 13, from 9 a.m. to noon, and take the form of a technical workshop featuring

tools and practical strategies that have been used or adopted by PSI awardees and affiliates to promote research and scholarly integrity on their campuses.

In addition to presentations by graduate deans, the workshop will feature a presentation by Loc Nguyen-Khoa, Director of the RCR Resource Development Program at the Office of Research Integrity (ORI). Mr. Nguyen-Khoa will present ORI's recently released resource on research integrity issues, *The Lab*, an interactive movie that gives viewers the opportunity to simulate decision-making about the responsible conduct of research through the perspectives of the movie's characters. For more information about *The Lab*, visit the [ORI website](#), where the movie is publicly available for download and use, along with a Facilitator's Guide for using the resource in instructional settings, or see the [January/February 2011](#) PSI Newsletter.

Registration for the Summer Workshop is currently open, with an Early Bird deadline of April 30, 2011.

National News in Research Ethics

NATURE ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS LAB SAFETY NEEDS

Recounting an April 2011 accident resulting in the death of an undergraduate researcher, a recent article in Nature Magazine (*Nature* 472, 270-271 (2011), "[A death in the lab,](#)" draws attention to a number of current issues and debates in lab safety. While the article focuses specifically on safety concerns in Chemistry labs in the United States and internationally, it also points to the importance of building safety into "lab culture" more generally. Several of the scientists interviewed for the article highlight differences between "lab cultures" where safety regulations are viewed as excessive or unnecessary regulatory measures, versus those where safety is held as a high priority and regulatory measures are followed as part of normal lab practice. The article has generated significant commentary and discussion among online readers of the magazine.

Upcoming Events

CFP: TEACHING SOCIAL AND ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF RESEARCH

A Call for Proposals has been announced for the upcoming [Congress on Teaching Social and Ethical Implications of Research](#), to be held on November 10-11, 2011 in Tempe, Arizona. The Congress is jointly sponsored by the Center for Nanotechnology in Society at Arizona State University, the Consortium for Science, Policy and Outcomes, the National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network, and the National Science Foundation, and will follow the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Nanoscience and Emerging Technologies. The Congress addresses the need for a more coordinated approach to educating scientists and engineers about the social and ethical implications (SEI) of research. The meeting will serve to facilitate

the exchange of information and materials relating to existing programs and assessment methods and will provide an opportunity for participants to collaborate on strategies for improving SEI education.

The organizers invite proposals for presentations, posters, and activities in the following categories: Paper, Poster, Panel, Roundtable, or Non-traditional formats. The submission deadline is June 1, 2011. More information, including how to apply for funding to participate in the Congress, can be found on the event website.

CONFERENCE: QUEST FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE 2011

The Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has announced the 2011 Quest for Research Excellence Conference, to be co-sponsored this year by ORI and the Georgetown-Howard Universities Center for Clinical Translational Sciences. The Conference will be held in Washington, DC, from August 29-30, 2011. Unlike past ORI conferences, which have addressed either Research on Research Integrity (RRI) or the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR), this year's meeting will integrate both topics. Educators, researchers of research integrity, representatives of professional societies, and funding agencies and regulators are invited to attend.

To submit submissions for paper and poster presentations, visit the [Conferences](#) page of the ORI website. The submission form can be downloaded and sent to Dr. Cynthia Ricard at Cynthia.ricard@hhs.gov. The submission deadline is June 1, 2011.

If you would like to suggest an event, activity, or news item for inclusion in the PSI Newsletter, please contact Julia Kent at the address below. For more information about the Project for Scholarly Integrity, please contact:

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