

Workshop Title: Research Integrity Forum 2016: Responding to research misconduct

Workshop Overview

Managing allegations of research misconduct can be very challenging. There is a complicated mix of roles and responsibilities. Research managers play important roles at all stages of this process – in receipt and assessment of allegations, in providing education and training about research misconduct and in interacting with other areas of research institutions that may also play a role.

More broadly, there are many stakeholders in the outcomes of consideration of research misconduct complaints. Funders, publishers and all others impacted by research misconduct have an interest.

Workshop structure

In this workshop we will hear from a range of leaders, practitioners and stakeholders in the field, including from Susan Zimmerman, Executive Director, Secretariat for the Responsible Conduct of Research, Canada, about best practice in responding to allegations. Publishers will talk about their view of research misconduct and what they need to see from research organisations, and research organisations will talk about their approaches. We will also review case studies that highlight some important hints and tips into managing investigations from experienced professionals.

Experience level/ target audience

This workshop will suit beginner and intermediate level participants. Those with responsibility for conducting investigations or who are involved in some way will benefit greatly. It would be of interest to all in research management given the responsibilities that we all carry for reporting suspicions of research misconduct.

Learning objectives:

- Understand the process of investigation of allegations and recognise that simple mistakes can have serious consequences.
- Understand the principles behind conducting research misconduct investigations and how these fit to the very broad range of complaints
- Take home some key tips from experienced investigators that may guide local process or policy change.

Workshop presenters

Dr Paul Taylor and Dr Dan Barr (both from the University of Melbourne) have presented at many national and international conferences on research ethics and integrity. In 2014 they ran a four day research integrity workshop for the International Federation of Medical Student Association General Assembly in Taipei, Taiwan. In 2015, Taylor and Barr presented a workshop at the 4th World Conference on Research Integrity in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil at the request of the Office for Research Integrity (part of NIH). Taylor and Barr also wrote the ARMS Accreditation Program research integrity module and have presented this on a number of occasions. They are experienced presenters and facilitators who will ensure that attendees get something from the workshop and bring out the best of their fellow presenters.

They will be joined by other experts and practitioners including Susan Zimmerman, Executive Director, Secretariat for the Responsible Conduct of Research, Canada.