



CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOCUS TRACKS

Purpose

To broaden programme planning, Co-Chairs of the 7th World Conference on Research Integrity (WCRI) welcome proposals from members of the WCRI Foundation Governing Board (GB) and 7th WCRI Programme Committee (PC) for focus tracks. The proposed topic should be relevant to a broad range of stakeholders and disciplinary fields, and be preferably linked to the conference theme and sub-themes. Proposed moderators should be dynamic and engaging.

Structure

Focus tracks of two discussion sessions each during the conference. Each session will be 90 minutes parallel to other concurrent sessions. Focus tracks need to be carefully prepared before the conference and to involve potential participants in for instance completing a survey or drafting a document (discussion paper or statement). During the final plenary session of the conference a short presentation of its results will be given.

Application

All proposals have to be submitted by members of the GB or PC by 1 May 2020. Input and inspiration for the content of the proposal from other individuals and organisations are welcome, provided that a member of the GB or PC supports the proposal. There will be information on the conference website encouraging individuals interested in proposing a focus track to contact a member of the GB or PC and to collaborate in developing a proposal.

Selection

The proposals will be collected and collated by the conference organisers, peer-reviewed by the GB and PC members and discussed at the 7th WCRI planning meeting. No grants or reimbursements are available for moderators of focus tracks.

Reviewers are asked to use the following criteria when rating an application:

- 1. Is the topic broadly relevant?**
Will it appeal to different countries, disciplinary fields, career stages and stakeholders?
- 2. Will the application bring diversity to the programme?**
In terms of topic, but also in the kinds of speakers and participants that it would appeal to.
- 3. Have the proposed speakers and moderators also been on stage during earlier WCRI's?**
We want to avoid that only the 'usual suspects' are invited.
- 4. Does the proposal speak directly to the conference theme or one of the sub-themes?**
These proposals would have a higher likelihood of acceptance.
- 5. Does the proposal come from or present the perspectives of a particular sponsor or exhibitor?** *We want a clear firewall between the program and our sponsors/exhibitors.*

Deadline for submission of proposals is 1 May 2020 (12h00, SAST).

Please return the completed form to the 7th WCRI Conference Secretariat:
wcri2021@paragonafrica.co.za



Conference Theme

The overarching theme of the 7th WCRI is ***Fostering Research Integrity in an Unequal World.***

Conference subthemes include current global research integrity discussion areas such as:

- Research Integrity as a driver of research excellence and public trust
- Ethical best practice in authorship, publication and the use of research metrics
- Best practice in detection, investigation, and responding to research misconduct

An additional emerging subtheme included is:

- Ensuring research integrity in the context of the 4th Industrial Revolution (the convergence of the physical, biological, and digital world)

As this conference is in Africa for the first time, some additional subthemes particularly relevant to many African and Low and Middle Income (LMIC) Countries are included:

- Colonial legacies and research integrity: moving forward by building equity into research
- Counteracting plagiarism in multicultural and multilingual contexts
- Institutionalising Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) education and training, including curriculum development and implementation in low resource settings.



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full name		
Title		
Institution		
Email address		
If you are not a member of the WCRI Governing Board (GB) or 7 th WCRI Planning Committee (PC), please give details of the GB or PC member who you worked with in developing this application.		
Full name		
WCRI Committee Membership	WCRI Governing Board	
	7 th WCRI Co-Chair	
	7 th WCRI Programme Committee	

SESSION DETAILS

Title	
Description	
(200 words max.)	
Relevance to the conference theme	
(100 words max.)	
Intended outcome/result	
Interactivity and preparation before the conference	
(100 words max.)	
Intended audience	
Moderators	
(name, affiliation and email)	
Facilities needed (e.g. seating arrangement, white boards, etc)	

