Dear All,

The Local Committee of the 4th World Conference on Research Integrity is looking forward to welcoming you in Rio for the conference to be held on May 31-June 3, 2015.

The conference in Rio promises to be a remarkable event, and we encourage all of you to include it in your plans for 2015! As many of you know, the theme of this 2015 conference focuses on research integrity and the reward systems of science ["Research Rewards and Integrity: Improving Systems to Promote Responsible Research"], which is contemporary, intriguing, and will contribute to enriching global discussions related to this theme.

We have joined the efforts of the chairs, Melissa Anderson and Sabine Kleinert, together with the planning committee, to offer a diversity of opportunities for delegates and speakers to present different perspectives. This effort is reflected on the Call for Proposals, http://wcri2015.org/call-for-proposals.html, which covers a wide range of topics, including, but not limited to funding systems, research institutions, reward and incentive systems, evaluation or assessment of research, peer review and publication systems, tenure and promotion reviews, commercial incentives, innovation, graduate and postdoctoral training, systems of oversight and regulation, transparency in research, decision-making by funders, national measures of progress in responsible research…

For this 2015 conference in Rio, we will also create opportunities for early career researchers to share some of their views, expectations and also research data on research integrity. As announced on the website, “The Doctoral Forum will provide an exciting, friendly and supportive environment for PhD students to share ideas and interact with participants” and “an Excellence in Doctoral Research Award will be granted…”. See details at http://wcri2015.org/doctoral-forum.html.

This is just the beginning!

From time to time, we will be sending updates to you. Meanwhile, we recommend that you visit IN THE NEWS, http://wcri2015.org/in-the-news.html, where we will be posting relevant material for the 2015 world conference.

Information on the Conference host, Rio de Janeiro (!), http://www.wcri2015.org/tips.html, will be available soon, for those who have never been to this amazing city!


Cheers,
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