

International Meeting

How to Promote Common Standards for the Evaluation of Research Grants Applications in Europe

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**EuroMediterranean University Centre of Ronzano,
Via di Gaibola, 16 , Bologna (Italy)**

*The University of Bologna, the European Genetics Foundation (www.eurogene.org), Telethon Italy (www.telethon.it) and the PROGEN Consortium (www.consorzioprogen.it) under the aegis of the Italian MIUR (Ministry for Higher Education and Research) are calling this short meeting to promote a discussion on the themes related to the implementation of the best practices of peer review by public and private granting agencies in Europe. This meeting responds therefore to the need of establishing common standards for **peer review of research grants** in the European Union. The first step will be to compare the different systems of awarding research grants which are currently used in Europe and to try to identify a common denominator for quality assessment of these practices.*

The meeting will consists of two parts. During the first half we will discuss new ideas and proposals presented by young investigators and peer-review officers from different European countries. During the second half a panel of international experts (invited speakers) will outline a series of quality criteria which should be shared in principle by all the peer-review systems.

The meeting will be very informal. There will be no registration fee and there will be no publication of proceedings of the meeting.

INVITED SPEAKERS:

Ezio Andreta (Commissioner of the National Agency for the Innovation, Milan, Italy), **Renat Bilyalov** (ERC, Brussels, Belgium), **Fabrizio Cobis** (MIUR, Rome, Italy) **Marc Heppener** (Director of Science and Strategy Development, ESF, Strasbourg, France), **Kenneth Keller** (Director of the SAIS - Johns Hopkins University Bologna Center, Bologna, Italy) **Josè Manuel Labastida** (Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación, Madrid, Spain) **Lucia Monaco** (Chief Scientific Officer Italian Telethon Foundation, Milan, Italy), **Francesca Pasinelli** (Telethon Foundation, Milan, Italy), **Giovanni Romeo** (University of Bologna, Italy), **John Williams** (Wellcome Trust, UK)

09:00	Round Table Discussion:	Feed-back from the Telethon staff and students who attended the meeting of the previous two days
	Moderator:	Lucia Monaco
10:30	Coffee Break	
11:00	Round Table Discussion:	How to prepare a Strategy for the Promotion of Common Standards for the Evaluation of Research Grants Applications in Europe
	Participants:	All the invited speakers
	Moderator:	Giovanni Romeo
	Conclusions :	Josè Manuel Labastida