

PEER REVIEW IN THEORY AND IN PRACTICE

Second Course for Scientific Officers of European Research Funding
October 5-7, 2009

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

OUTLINE OF THE COURSE

The European Genetics Foundation (www.eurogene.org), Telethon Italy (www.telethon.it), the PROGEN Consortium (www.consorzioprogen.it) and the University of Bologna, under the aegis of the Italian Consiglio Universitario Nazionale (CUN), are promoting for the second year a course devoted to scientific officers responsible of the organization of the peer review of research projects in all areas of science.

The aim of the course is to provide a platform of information/discussion on the themes related to the implementation of the best practices of peer review by public and private granting agencies.

The programme will be focused on providing an overview of peer review-based models adopted by leading European and American granting agencies to implement strategies for funding scientific research.

Lectures and round-tables involving preeminent policy-makers will delineate key issues and challenges for the diffusion of an effective peer-review-based system aimed at funding the best science.

Interactive workshop sessions, chaired by Telethon Scientific Officers, will be the occasion for participants to discuss key themes and policies in peer review management and compare different perspectives on the basis of their specific work experience.

The course will be aimed at scientific officers at the European level, and will accept a maximum of 50 students. The course will take place in Ronzano, Bologna (arrival Sunday October 5, 2009 departure Wednesday October 7). The course will be managed by the European School of Genetic Medicine.

Applications have to be submitted on line to www.eurogene.org

INVITED SPEAKERS:

Ezio Andreta (Commissioner of the National Agency for the Innovation, Milan, Italy), **Omer Cebeci** (Vice President of TUBITAK, Ankara, Turkey) **Renat Bilyalov** (ERC, Brussels, Belgium), **Fabrizio Cobis** (MIUR, Rome, Italy) **Silvio Garattini** (Director of the Mario Negri Institute, Coordinator of the Scientific Commission of the Italian Drug Agency - AIFA, Milan, Italy), **Giuliana Gemelli** (University of Bologna, Director of the Master in International Studies in Philanthropy, Italy), **M. Heppener** (ESF, Strasbourg) **Kenneth Keller** (Director of the SAIS - Johns Hopkins University Bologna Center, Bologna, Italy), **Josè Manuel Labastida** (Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación, Madrid, Spain) **Luciano Modica** (University of Pisa, Italy), **Lucia Monaco** (Chief Scientific Officer Italian Telethon Foundation, Milan, Italy), **Francesca Pasinelli** (Telethon Foundation, Milan, Italy), **Giovanni Romeo** (University of Bologna, Italy), **Lisa Vozza** (AIRC, Milan), **John Williams** (Wellcome Trust, UK)

PROGRAMME

Monday, 5th October :

Comparative Analysis of Different Peer Review Systems

09:00 Registration

09:30 R. Bilyalov

Funding Frontier Research : ERC peer review process

10:00	J. Williams	The Wellcome Trust Peer Review Process
10:30	O. Cebeci	<i>t.b.d</i>
11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:30	S. Garattini	The project of AIFA on independent clinical research
12:00	L. Monaco	Promoting research towards the cure of genetic diseases: how a charity faces its challenges
12:30	L. Vozza	Peer review in cancer research: the AIRC review process
13:00	<i>Discussion</i>	
13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30	Parallel Workshops	1. Managing the research portfolio: one Call does not fit all 2. Key players and roles in the peer review process
16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
17:00	Parallel Workshops	Wrapping up

Evening Seminar at the Collegio di Spagna:

G. Gemelli	The Rockefeller Foundation and the historical roots of peer-review in the international context
K. Keller	Peer review in American research universities

Tuesday, 6th October

Definition of Standards for Quality Assessment

09:00	F. Cobis	<i>t.b.d.</i>
09:30	M. Heppener	Peer Review and the European Science Foundation
10:00	J. M. Labastida	<i>t.b.d.</i>
10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00	E. Andreta	The strategy of science policy in the EU
11:30	L. Modica	<i>t.b.d.</i>
12:00	F. Pasinelli	<i>t.b.d.</i>
12:30	<i>Discussion</i>	
13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30	Parallel Workshops	3. IT and AI tools to support and enhance peer review 4. Reviewers and reviews: optimizing the quality of the process
16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
17:00	Parallel Workshops	Wrapping up

Wednesday, 7th October:

Discussion of a Common Strategy for the Promotion of Peer Review in Europe

9:00	Round Table: Participants: Moderator:	Feed-back from the afternoon workshops of the previous days Telethon staff and students L: Monaco
10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00	Round Table: Participants: Moderator: Conclusions :	How to prepare the future of peer review in Europe: All the invited speakers of the previous days G. Romeo J. M. Labastida
13:00	<i>Lunch and departure</i>	