



Council On Governmental Relations

October 15, 2018

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WASHINGTON MARRIOTT HOTEL

October 25-26, 2018

Planning information for the upcoming meeting of the Council on Governmental Relations was sent to the COGR Listserve in August 2018. Those planning to attend should make hotel reservations at the Washington Marriott Hotel at 1221 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and should send registration notices along with registration fees to the COGR office. There is a block of rooms reserved for COGR participants that **must be booked by Friday, October 5, 2018 (EXTENDED)**. After this block fills, reservations will be accepted only on a space and rate available basis. There may still be rooms available at the hotel, but not at the COGR rate. For reservations already made, changes should be made by telephone to the hotel (202-872-1500) and by email to the COGR office at trusso@cogr.edu. Meeting registration cancellations must be received in writing, preferably via email to trusso@cogr.edu, **no later than Friday, October 19, 2018** to receive a refund of the registration fee.

Thursday, October 25, 2018

- 9:45 - 11 AM – **Strengthening Research Rigor and Reproducibility**. Federal agencies and nonprofit organizations and societies continue to introduce resources to enhance research rigor and reproducibility in an effort to address concerns regarding both preclinical and clinical research results. In this panel discussion, Shai Silberberg, Director of Research Quality at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), will discuss the outcomes of the October 22-23 NINDS workshop “[A Visionary Resource for Instilling Fundamental Principles of Rigorous Neuroscience Research](#)” and the role institutions can serve to facilitate rigor and reproducibility. Brian Nosek, Co-founder and Executive Director of the Center for Open Science (COS) that operates the Open Science Framework, will discuss how COS is enabling open and reproducible research practices, as well as outcomes of the October 15 [Philadelphia Symposium on Research Credibility and Excellence](#). COGR Research and Regulatory Reform committee members Naomi Schrag, Vice President for Research Compliance, Training, and Policy, Columbia University, and JR Haywood, Assistant Vice President, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Professor, Michigan State University, will discuss the results of the COGR survey on rigor and reproducibility and related efforts.
- 11:00 AM – Noon – **The COGR F&A Paper** – In 2017, the research community was successful in refuting proposed F&A caps. While similar proposals have not emerged in 2018, we still need to be diligent. Under the leadership of the Costing committee, with assistance from RCA, COGR has developed an F&A “manifesto”: i.e., a memorial of key discussions and advocacy related to F&A reimbursement. A final draft of the paper will be available at the end of the year and the paper will be published with a date of January 2019. This session will address some of the key issues raised in the paper and provide an opportunity for input from the Membership.
- 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM – **Buffet Lunch**
- 1:00 – 1:45 PM – **Guest Speaker – David Wasserman**, House Editor for the Cook Political Report and recognized as one of the nation’s top election forecasters. Founded in 1984, *The Cook Political Report* provides analyses of Presidential, U.S. Senate, House and gubernatorial races. *The New York Times* has called the *Report* “a newsletter both parties regard as authoritative.” David’s election commentary has been cited in numerous top publications including *Politico*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Economist*, and *RealClearPolitics.com*. He has served as an analyst for the NBC News Election Night Decision Desk in 2016, 2014, 2012, 2010, and 2008, and has appeared on NBC Nightly News, C-SPAN Washington Journal, CNN, and NPR.
- 1:45 – 2:00 PM – **Break**

- 2:00-3:30 PM – **Addressing Foreign Threats to U.S. Research and National Security** – Concern among members of Congress, the administration, the national intelligence community, and federal agencies that fund research regarding efforts on the part of China to become an international leader in science and technology through both competitive and more questionable means has escalated significantly. As one response to this concern, Federal officials have in recent months communicated the need for greater transparency and reporting with respect to research collaborations with foreign institutions, companies, and governments. Robert Daly, Director of the Wilson Center’s Kissinger Institute on China and the United States; Rebecca Keiser, Head of the Office of International Science and Engineering, NSF; Bindu Nair, Acting Director, DOD Basic Research Office; and Michelle Bulls, Director, Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration, NIH (invited) will join us to discuss federal concerns and expectations.
- 3:30 – 3:45 PM – **Break**
- 3:45 – 5:00 PM – **Sexual Harassment in Research** -A panel of officials from NSF, NIH, and University Legal Counsel will discuss the latest developments, including the revised NSF policy on reporting on sexual and other harassment, and the implementation issues for grantee organizations.
- 5:00 – 5:30 PM – **Announcements**
- 5:30 – 8 PM – **Cocktails and Buffet Dinner**

Friday, October 26, 2018

- 7:30 - 8:30 AM – **Buffet Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 9:45 AM – **Federal Budget for Research – FY 2019 and Beyond** – Matt Hourihan, Director of the AAAS R&D Budget and Policy Program.
- 9:45-10:15 AM – **SciLine – Scientific Expertise and Content on Deadline** – [SciLine](#) is a AAAS-hosted initiative that provides journalists with quick, free, access to knowledgeable, articulate scientists. One year after its launch, Rick Weiss, Director, and Meredith Drosback, Associate Director for Science, will provide an overview of the organization’s mission and services, and an update on its various approaches to enriching the news stream with research-based evidence.
- 10:15-10:30 AM – **Break**
- 10:30 – Noon – **Committee Reports** (Members are encouraged to submit advance questions and issues for Friday morning’s discussion to trusso@cogr.edu)
- 12:00 Noon – **Adjournment**