

Vitae Researcher Development International Conference

12 - 13 September 2016 The Midland, Manchester



Programme

Day 1: Monday 12 September 2016

- 09.00 Conference registration and exhibition opens
- 09.30 Pre-conference workshop and networking opportunity
- 10.45 **Welcome and introduction**
Dr Janet Metcalfe, Head, Vitae
- 11.00 **Opening plenary: strategic and global context for developing researchers**
- **The future landscape of UK research policy and funding** - David Sweeney, Director of Research, Teaching and Knowledge Exchange, Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)
 - **Open science and the implications for researcher development** - Dr Conor O'Carroll, Chair, European Commission Steering Group of Human Resources and Mobility
 - **Continuing to attract researchers in a changing external environment** - Prof Matt Lambon Ralph, Associate Vice-President (Research) and Director of the Manchester Doctoral College, University of Manchester
- 12.20 Lunch, networking and exhibition
- 13.45 Half plenary session 1: **Doctoral education: diversity in programmes, provision and researchers**
Chair: Alison Mitchell, Director of Development, Vitae
- Supervisor development: pedagogies, engagement and evaluation** – Prof Bob Harris, Director of Doctoral Education, Karolinska Institutet
- Postgraduate researchers within a changing landscape: Europe, White Paper and researcher engagement** – Dr Adam Wright, Lead Policy Officer, National Union of Students (NUS)
- Is bigger better? How can we make the most of large doctoral populations?** – Dr Nigel Eady, Head of Researcher Training and Development, King's College London
- The challenge of providing equality of opportunity across a diverse doctoral training landscape** - Prof Sally Heslop, Academic Director of Graduate Studies, University of Bristol

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13.45 Half plenary session 2: **Research staff: experiences and talent management**
Clare Viney, Director Membership and External Affairs, Royal Society of Chemistry
(Chief Executive Officer of CRAC from October 2016)

How funders are supporting equality and the status of women in research –
Dr Janet Metcalfe, Head, Vitae

Academic career breaks: perceptions, impacts and opportunities – Fiona Colligan, Head, PIIRUS

Career perspectives of postdoctoral researchers - Dr Brian Cahill, Institute for Bioprocessing and Analytical Measurement Techniques and Chair, Marie Curie Alumni Association

Institutional leadership development and improving the working environment for research staff - Peter Bregendahl, Manager, University of Copenhagen

15.00 Coffee, networking and exhibition

15.20 Workshop session A

16.20 Break

16.30 Workshop session B

17.30 Special interest sessions

18.30 Special interest sessions end

19.00 Wine reception, networking and poster presentations

19.45 The final of the UK 3 Minute Thesis competition
Sponsored by Taylor & Francis with prizes from RCUK and Speakezee



20.20 Dinner

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Day 2: Tuesday 13 September 2016

09.00 Plenary: **Challenging assumptions:**

Introduction: Dr Janet Metcalfe, Vitae

- **Fostering responsible research and innovation for and with society** – Prof Jacqueline Broerse, Professor of Innovation and Communication in health and life sciences, VU University Amsterdam
- **Preparing and engaging researchers for citizen science** - Lucy Robinson, Citizen Science Programme Manager, Natural History Museum
- **Gender and the gender dimension in research** - Dr Elizabeth Pollitzer, Director, Portia

10.30 Coffee, networking and exhibition

11.00 Workshop session C

12.20 Lunch, networking and exhibition

13.40 Workshop session D

15.00 Closing plenary: **What next for researcher development?**

Vitae leads to the future - Alison Mitchell, Director of Development, Vitae

Building researcher capacity for interdisciplinary research – Prof Gabriele Bammer, Professor of Integration and Implementation Sciences, Research School of Population Health, The Australian National University

16.00 End of conference with refreshments