Research Policy Boards for Robust and Quality Science

In a Nature commentary titled “Overdue: a US advisory board for research integrity”, the authors called for a national committee to build a culture of quality and integrity, and to provide a central resource for stakeholders (researchers, institutions, funding agencies) to build a robust research ecosystem. [+Read more]

In Singapore, such a national committee has been formed following the Research Integrity Conference in Oct 2018. Called SIRION (Singapore Institutional Research Integrity Offices Network), its members include all the 6 local autonomous universities, the 3 healthcare clusters, A*STAR, and funding agencies as observers. The end goal is to cultivate a research culture that produces robust and quality science in Singapore.

Workshop on Basics in Animal Behavioural Neurosciences

RIEO and LKCMed will be co-organising a workshop titled “Basics in Animal Behavioural Neurosciences” catered to animal researchers who are keen to learn more about good practices in animal behaviour experiments [+Read more].

To be held on 14 and 15 Mar 2019, this 2-day workshop will feature trainers Dr Frederic Chua, Dr Hannes Hentze and Dr Zoe Bichler who will touch on topics such as experimental design, study performance, data analysis and ethical aspects of such studies. The seminar will be followed by a practical session for hands-on application.

Seats are filling up fast and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please click here to register for the workshop to secure your place!

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NTU-IRB Members Refresher Course

On 28 Feb 2019, RIEO conducted a refresher training workshop for NTU IRB members at the NTU Alumni House @ One-north.

Aimed at facilitating the committee’s review functions, this ‘Back to Basics’ interactive session covered NTU’s human ethics framework, risk categories and ethics review criteria in Social Behavioural and Educational Research and Human Biomedical Research. Members participated in lively discussions aimed at shaping best practices in the review process at NTU.

Such training workshops are held regularly to ensure that NTU’s ethics standards are comparable to local and international standards and to standardise reviewing processes internally.