

Webinar Invitation: Recognising Collaborative Research

Dear Colleagues,

You are invited to register for the webinar on "Recognising Collaborative Research" (free of charge) that will be taking place on 27 May 2020 (10:00 – 11:00 SAST). Please also circulate to other interested parties.

The webinar will be presented via ASSAf, using Zoom.

Minimum requirements: Stable Internet access, speakers. More details will be communicated to registered participants closer to the time.

Theme: Recognising Collaborative Research (*Wednesday 27 May, 10:00-11:00 SAST*)

The webinar will cover the results of a multi-disciplinary study which was undertaken by an ASSAf Expert Panel on how collaborative research could be appropriately recognised and rewarded in South Africa. The study was motivated by the increasing participation of individual academics and researchers in large national and international collaborations, and reports from these team members that their specific contribution was generally under-recognised by the existing performance appraisal systems within public research institutions.

The first-phase results of the study have already been presented to the National Scholarly Editor's Forum (NSEF). As a result, this presentation will only briefly recap this phase and will instead focus on the second-phase results including the outcomes of the researcher survey, the interviews with university executives, and the modelling study.

The main recommendations from the study will also be presented, and thereafter, there will be an opportunity for discussion and questions of clarification.

Presenter: Prof David Walwyn: Graduate School of Technology Management at the University of Pretoria.

Register: <https://forms.gle/6rWZ9Gq9wMBRGKy58> (free)

Venue: Virtual (information to be shared on registration)

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ASSAf Series of Webinars within the context of the National Development Plan and 2019 White Paper on Science, Technology and Innovation

The South African National Development Plan (NDP) has identified STI as primary drivers of economic growth, job creation and socio-economic reform. The 2019 White Paper on Science, Technology and Innovation emphasises the core themes of inclusivity, transformation, and partnerships. ASSAf webinar themes are aimed at addressing policy coherence, the development of human capabilities, knowledge expansion, innovation performance and increased investment. Building on existing successes and adopting new approaches where required, will help foster an NSI in which creativity, learning and entrepreneurship can flourish.

From the White Paper, government encourages researchers to engage in ethical and transparent scholarly publishing practices. Some of those practices include depositing data arising from research in publicly accessible repositories, and supporting open journal publishing and data sharing, providing access to data and other research outputs arising from publicly funded research. In this manner, research will be made more transparent, rigorous and efficient in stimulating innovation and promoting public engagement. For research to be more transparent, rigorous and efficient, it needs to adhere to global best practice and align with international standards in scholarly publishing, streamlining the exchange of knowledge among researchers and global partners. ASSAf is therefore proud to bring its research community the mentioned webinar, in an effort to address the expected outcomes of both the National Development Plan and the 2019 White Paper on Science, Technology and Innovation.

We are looking forward to you participating in this webinar!

Kind regards,

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