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Speaker Biographies



Ovid Tzeng

Academician and Distinguished Research Fellow, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

Professor Ovid Tzeng is known for his work in memory, psycholinguistics, and cognitive neuroscience. Since 1994, he has been a fellow academician of Academia Sinica, where he has also served as Vice President. He has served on the Committee of Freedom and Responsibility in the Conduct of Science (CFRS) since 2006. He was recently invited to be a panel member of European Research Council for reviewing the advanced grant proposals in social sciences and humanities, notably for research concerning the human mind and its complexity. He is a fellow of the Association for Psychological Science and his career has included numerous high profile positions including a twenty year professorship at the University of California, Riverside and visiting associate professorships at the University of California, Berkeley, at the Haskins Laboratories and Yale University. He was a visiting scientist at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in San Diego and was also external examiner for the Institute of Education in Singapore, Hong Kong University, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Tzeng was the leading pioneer in cognitive neuroscientific studies of the Chinese language, publishing three Nature papers between 1976 and 1979 for his research work on the cognitive neuropsychology of Chinese language processing. He created a research center for studies of the speech recording process during reading, human information processing, bilingual speech perception, orthography and reading behaviours of dyslexics, and Chinese aphasia in Taiwan.



Laura Marin

Science Officer, European Science Foundation

Laura Marin is responsible for member organisation relations and partnerships at the European Science Foundation. In this role she has facilitated numerous forums on science governance issues such as peer review, research careers and research integrity. The research integrity forum brought together by 36 European research funding and performing organisations and academies to formulate the European Code of Conduct for Researchers, which is now being implemented. Previously she was team leader of the European Science Open Forum in 2008 in Barcelona and Director of Operations

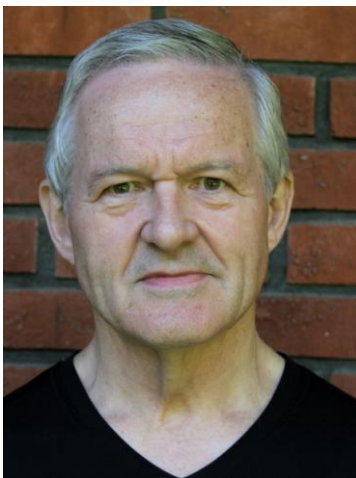
at the Catalan Foundation for Research and Innovation. She has several years of experience in managing research and development and innovation projects at the European Foundation for Quality Management in Brussels and at the Institute for Research and Development at the Fachhochschule Bielefeld in Germany. She holds an M.Litt in Management, Economics and International Relations from the University of St Andrews, UK, as well as a degree in Political Science from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain.



John Galland

Director, Office of Research Integrity, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Before joining the Office of Research Integrity in 2009, John Galland was director of the University of California Davis Laboratory Management Institute. While at the Institute, Dr Galland developed a curriculum and unique pedagogy for educating scientists in the practical business of running a research programme. This pedagogy was described in numerous journals including Nature, Science, Cell and The Chronicle of Higher Education. The curriculum was delivered through an annual programme for postdoctoral scholars at UC Davis and a summer certificate programme offered to people worldwide. Both courses consisted of 140 contact hours of instruction. He has conducted additional educational programmes for industry, government, national laboratories, other academic institutions, and scientific associations. Dr Galland also taught a graduate course titled 'Philosophy and Ethics for the Biological Scientist' at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. In 2004, Dr Galland became one of 20 partners in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute/Burroughs Wellcome Scientific Management Program for Postdoctoral Fellows and Faculty and acknowledges their influence on the program at UC Davis. Dr Galland received both his MS and PhD at UC Davis and before returning to the institution he was professor of veterinary medicine at Kansas State University.



Ragnvald Kalleberg

Member, National Commission for the Investigation of Scientific Misconduct, Norway

Ragnvald Kalleberg is a professor of sociology at the University of Oslo in Norway and is a Member of the Norwegian National Commission for the Investigation of Scientific Misconduct. He has published research on research ethics; knowledge organisations such as universities, hospitals, businesses and schools; organisation theory and the theory and history of the social sciences. As a sociologist he insists that ethics is to do with both the morals of individuals and institutions, and their interplay. In the analysis of the ethos of science, he has mainly focused on science as an open society and the norm of universalism, but also analysed the rationality of the individual and institutional norm of scientific humility. He has recently chaired the Norwegian National Committee for Research Ethics in the Social and Cultural Sciences

for two periods. In this work he has tried to translate sociological insights into intersubjectively binding guidelines and institutional arrangements in order to prevent scientific misconduct and stimulate sound scientific practices.



Ulrike Beisiegel

President, Göttingen University and Former Ombudsman, Germany

Ulrike Beisiegel became president of Göttingen University in January 2011. Prior to that she was spokesperson of the German Research Foundation (DFG) Ombuds Committee and chaired the Scientific Commission of the German Council of Science and Humanities. After gaining her doctorate in human biology in 1979 at the Marburg Medical School, she held a post-doctorate position at the University of Texas, USA where she worked in the team led by Nobel laureates Josef L. Goldstein and Michael S. Brown. She returned to Marburg to work as a research assistant, before moving to the Hamburg University Hospital to be a researcher and lecturer. In 1990 Ulrike Beisiegel gained her professorial qualification at the University of Hamburg, where she was appointed to a professorship in 1996. Since 2001 Professor Beisiegel has held a professorship and the directorship of the Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the Hamburg-Eppendorf University Hospital. She is also a Senator of the Leibniz Association and sits on several national and international scientific boards. Professor Beisiegel has an honorary doctorate from the Swedish University of Umeå and is holder of numerous other awards.

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