



5th Annual Conference

UK Research

REF2014: Impact assessments and Funding

Thursday 29th September 2011, Westminster Studio, London SW1P

Speakers include:

Professor Eric Thomas

Vice-Chancellor, **Bristol University**
Vice-President, **Universities UK**

Sir Alan Langlands

Chief Executive, **Higher Education Funding Council for England**

Professor Ann Dowling

Head of the Department of Engineering,
University of Cambridge

Professor Paul Wellings

Vice-Chancellor, **Lancaster University**;
Chair, **1994 Group**

Professor Paul Boyle

Chief Executive, **Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)**; **Research Councils UK International Champion**

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This year's national research conference will provide one of the first opportunities to learn more about the REF2014. Through the Research Excellence Framework (REF) the funding councils in the UK aim to develop a competitive and sustainable research sector contributing to economic prosperity, national well-being and the dissemination of knowledge.

Now in its fifth year, this high profile conference brings together senior higher education representatives concerned with research, research councils, central government and private sector representatives to engage in a forward looking debate about the current state and future strategic development of UK research.

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09:00 Registration, refreshments and exhibition

Session One:

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Setting the scene

- 10:00 Welcome and introduction by the conference Chair
John O'Leary, Editor, the Times Good University Guide
- 10:10 Research excellence: comparing the UK to other countries – research findings
Professor Paul Wellings, Vice-Chancellor, Lancaster University; Chair, 1994 Group
- 10:30 An update on research policy and funding priorities
Sir Alan Langlands, Chief Executive, Higher Education Funding Council for England
- 10:50 Research universities at the heart of the regional and national economy
Professor Eric Thomas, Vice-Chancellor, University of Bristol; Vice-President, Universities UK (UUK)
- 11:10 Questions and discussion

11:25 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

Session Two:

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Research Excellence

- 11:55 Keynote address
Government Spokesperson
- 12:15 Panel discussion:
Panellists will examine:
- Peer reviews and assessment of impact
 - The wider cultural and economic value of research; access to funding
 - New streams of funding; collaboration and new partnerships
 - Focus on 'new' research: digital economy, creative industries and the environment
 - The future of peer review in the light of the changing nature of scholarly communications
- Professor Ann Dowling**, Head of the Department of Engineering, University of Cambridge
- Dr Philip Graham FlinstKT**, Executive Director, AURIL
- Professor Nigel Vincent**, Vice-President Research and Higher Education Policy, British Academy
- Dr Alisa Miller**, CREST Research Network Co-ordinator, GuildHE

13:00 Buffet lunch, networking and exhibition

Session Three:

Research impact and assessments

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- 14:00 EU Research and Innovation: funding and collaborations
Professor Paul Boyle, Chief Executive, Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC); Research Councils UK International Champion
- 14:20 Increasing the ability of universities to compete: case studies from 1994 group universities
Nick Fowler, Director of Strategy, Elsevier
- 14:40 Collecting impact case studies: experiences from engineering to the humanities
Professor Geoff Rodgers, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Research, Brunel University
- 15:00 Questions and discussion

15:15 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

Session Four:

Key Issue Seminars

15:30 Delegates should choose to attend one seminar from the list below. Seminars are designed to be interactive and participatory in nature. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to maximum capacities.

- 1** UK research audits and the Research Excellence Framework
Professor Peter Gilroy, Professor Emeritus, Manchester Metropolitan University
- 2** Enhancing equality and diversity in research careers
Professor Dianne Berry, Head of the Department of Engineering, University of Cambridge (confirmed)
- 3** Managing intellectual property and copyright in academic research
Speaker to be confirmed

16:15 Close of conference

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Purpose of the Conference:

Specifically this conference will enable you to:

- Hear from senior figures who will map out the future landscape for research funding
- Examine impact of research funding policy on research excellence globally and how the UK compares.
- Explore the implications of impact assessment, impact plans and the wider debate on funding
- Hear from learning institutions and update information on the current research environment and strategy – funding, staff development, strategy and guidance for early-career researchers
- Hear best practice approaches to preparing undergraduates, postgraduates and supporting early career researchers
- Share experiences of optimising knowledge transfer partnerships and commercial collaborations the public, private and third sector
- Debate the approaches – peer reviews of the wider, social, cultural, and economic impact of research

Who should attend:

From Higher Education:

- Vice-Chancellors
- Pro-Vice-Chancellors
- Principals
- Vice-Principals
- Deans of Departments
- Directors of Research
- Deans of Research
- Directors of Research and Knowledge Transfer
- Professors and Lecturers
- Research Fellows
- Researchers
- Research Funding Directors
- Directors of Enterprise, Innovation and Business Development
- Directors of Communications and Marketing
- Business Consultants
- Deans of Faculties
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- Finance Directors
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- Heads of Research and Commercial Development
- Heads of Strategic Planning
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- Partnerships Managers
- Planning and Projects Manager
- Research and Data Analysis Manager
- Strategic Partnerships Manager
- Research staff

Also:

- Directors and Policy Advisers of:
 - > Third Sector Research
 - > Research Councils
 - > University Partnerships
 - > External Alliances
 - > Funding Councils
- Civil Servants of Department of Business Innovation and Skills (BIS)
- Research & Development Directors Private, Public and Third Sector

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