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Calling all researchers with a deep understanding of the startup ecosystem

Are you a researcher with a passion for startups, investments, and the dynamic world of entrepreneurship? ICoRSA is calling all Researchers, Entrepreneurs, and Investors! ICoRSA and the Region Alliance for Interconnected Startup Ecosystems (RAISE) is thrilled to announce four exclusive sessions that delve into the exciting world of research and startups.

We invite researchers with a deep understanding of the startup ecosystem to take the stage for a short 15-minute presentation on any of the following topics:

Nov 3, 2023: "The Researcher's Impact on Startup Innovation Program"

Nov 6, 2023: "Building Bridges: Connecting Entrepreneurs and Research Talent"

Nov 15, 2023: "Market Research and Data-Driven Decisions"

Nov 16, 2023: "Using Technology and Data for Talent Matching"

<https://theraise.eu/raise-news/a-series-of-impactful-sessions-on-research-and-startups/>

OPUS Survey on Rewards for Open Science

Embrace Open Science and be recognized! ICoRSA and the OPUS project are uncovering new ways to reward researchers who champion openness and inclusivity. Want to shape the future of Research Assessment? We are seeking YOUR input on rewards for Open Science practices. Have ideas? Help us making it fairer, more inclusive, and rewarding for Open Science through the survey!

Complete the [OPUS Survey on Rewards for Open Science 2023](#) by October 31st. 2023.

Calling All Academics! Join the Mental Health Survey

Are you a researcher in academia? Your voice matters! Contribute to the international survey by the Researcher Mental Health Observatory (ReMO) to boost the well-being of academics in Europe.

Participate now and help shape tailored interventions for mental health support. Let's make academia a healthier place!

[COST-Action REMO's working conditions and mental health survey](#) is running until January 2024.

Future Events:

ICoRSA Vice-Chair, Dr. Gianna Avellis is joining United Nations 2nd Segment SDG Summit in London 24-27 October 2023.

The meeting follows the UN General Assembly high-level week and will bring together stakeholders as researchers, professionals, administrators, manufacturers, policymakers, representatives from the public and private sectors, NGOs, civil society and international organizations in a series of high-level meetings to discuss the review of the state of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

ICoRSA's Vice-Chair, Dr. Gianna Avellis, to Attend UN's 2nd Segment SDG Summit in London, 24-27 October 2023.

Dr. Gianna Avellis is set to join the United Nations 2nd Segment SDG Summit in London from October 24 to 27, 2023. The summit will gather diverse stakeholders to review the progress of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including researchers, professionals, administrators, manufacturers, policymakers, representatives from the public and private sectors, NGOs, civil society and international organizations.

ICoRSA's Annual General Meeting 2023

In recent months, ICoRSA has been diligently engaged in the planning of our upcoming Annual General Meeting 2023. We're excited to share more details with you very soon. Stay tuned for updates!

Past Events

1. [Vitae International Researcher Development Conference 2023](#) - ICoRSA's Chair, Dr. Gordon Dalton presented ICoRSA work with researcher communities' development at Vitae International Researcher Development Conference 2023 session, held online on September 6-7, 2023, organised by Vitae and the UK Research Staff Association (UKRSA).

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ICoRSA's Chair, Dr. Gordon Dalton, Highlights Researcher Community Development at Vitae International Researcher Development

In a recent session held online on September 6-7, 2023, at the Vitae International Researcher Development Conference, Dr. Gordon Dalton, the Chair of the International Consortium of Research Staff Associations (ICoRSA), underscored the significance of collaborative efforts among researcher communities in effecting positive change and progress within the research sphere. His insights served to inspire and guide the future

direction of researcher associations and networks, fostering an environment where innovation and growth are paramount.

<https://icorsa.org/2023/icorsas-chair-dr-gordon-dalton-highlights-researcher-community-development-at-vitae-international-researcher-development-conference-2023/>

2. ICoRSA participated in Consortium Board Meeting in Budapest on October 5, 2023. The latest updates of the cross-border pension fund include a future governance structure and new potential countries with RESAVER, namely Czech Republic, France and Spain.

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ICoRSA attended the Budapest Consortium Board Meeting on October 5, 2023, showcasing advances in the cross-border pension fund domain and hinting at its future governance structure. Of particular note, the meeting introduced potential RESAVER member countries, such as the Czech Republic, France, and Spain, promising to revolutionize cross-border pensions for researchers and academics.

3. ICoRSA is actively involved in the Initiative Science Europe working groups on research careers, widening and FP10 to support the design of European Commission future policies and instruments in the Research and Innovation. The working groups will publish their policy feedback in the coming months.

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<https://icorsa.org/2023/icorsas-role-within-the-initiative-science-europe-working-groups-on-research-careers/>

Policy updates

- [Ms. Iliana Ivanova has been appointed as the new European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth](#). This appointment follows the resignation of Mariya Gabriel, who has resigned to lead her home-country Bulgaria's next coalition government.
- [ICoRSA congratulates UK's association to Horizon Europe and Copernicus Programme.](#)

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[Register now to ICoRSA AGM 2024 “Addressing Researcher Career Precarity in Portugal: perspectives from EU countries”](#)

Before your Christmas break, do not forget to register for ICoRSA Annual General Meeting 2024, under the topic “Addressing Researcher Career Precarity in Portugal: perspectives from EU countries”. The event will be held at Instituto Técnico, University of Lisbon, Portugal, on January 12 and 13, 2024 as a hybrid event, co-organized with our members associations ANICT and NInTec.

The registration is available in the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/kNUx2U6pSG>

[European framework for research careers approved by the Council](#)

Under the Spanish Presidency of the EU Council, the Ministers of Science and Technology of the European Union approved the *Recommendation on a European framework to attract and retain research, innovation and entrepreneurial talents in Europe*. The Recommendation sets new guidelines and initiatives to promote researchers' working conditions, fostering inter-sectoral mobility and addressing persisting inequalities in research careers, contributing to the consolidation of the European Research Area (ERA). The recommendation includes a revised definition of “researcher” and its categorization in four profiles, from R1 to R4; a revised update of the skills and competences of researchers, entitled RESEARCHCOMP; the inclusions of research managers within the spectrum of research professions; and a revised European Charter for Researchers.

[New expert group for the interim evaluation of Horizon Europe](#)

The European Commission has nominated a group of experts to carry out the interim evaluation of the largest framework programme for research and innovation (R&I) in Europe, Horizon Europe. The group is chaired by Manuel Heitor, from University of Lisbon and former Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education in Portugal. The experts will produce a report on the value-added of the current framework programme for R&I. This work will also contribute to the design of the future European framework programme for research and innovation.

The International Consortium of Research Staff Associations wishes you happy holidays.

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ICoRSA Conference presentations available now

ICoRSA Conference “Addressing Addressing Researcher Career Precarity in Portugal: perspectives from EU countries” took place last January 12 and gathered a total of 116 participants.

The presentations are available here.

ICoRSA at UNESCO 5th International Forum of NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO on “Transforming Mentalities”.

The 15th International Forum of NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO showcased examples of good practices to address inequalities and build concrete recommendations for action at the local level. Besides the local initiatives presented by NGOs, UNESCO presented current gender programmes and the future Initiative the Freedom and Safety of Scientific Researchers as part of UNESCO's 2017 Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers (RS|SR), currently on ongoing consultation process. The Freedom and Safety of Scientific Researchers will promote a space for dialogue between science advisors and the scientific community, data collection analysis and institutional capacities.

For more information about the Freedom and Safety Researchers Programme please consult the documents [42 C/54](#) and [42 C/ Resolution 26](#). To learn more about the consultation process of RS|SR please see [209 EX/18.IV](#).

As a registered NGO at UNESCO, ICoRSA collaborates actively with UNESCO for consultation purposes and engages its community in these processes. To learn more please contact admin@icorsa.org

Call for your contributions

Initiative Science Europe call for contributions to identify funding schemes to promote researchers career conditions

ICoRSA is actively involved in [Initiative for Science in Europe \(ISE\)](#), an advocacy group in Europe, that gathers stakeholders organizations as EURODOC, Young Academy Europe and some individual researchers representing its member associations. **ISE Working group for Research Careers** has been tasked with identifying **funding schemes** in Europe that **promote job stability and security for postdoctoral researchers**, in all career stages. To this aim, we were asked to identify potential schemes/programmes that researchers have been granted that they consider promoting contract security.

Although the exercise is to contribute to European landscape, it may include international funding schemes as a way to collect best-practices.

ICoRSA is requesting your support in identifying potential schemes by filling in this brief [survey](#), until **February 15th, 2024**.

[Save the date for the Research and Innovation Days 2024](#)

The 2024 edition of the Research and Innovation Days will take place on 20 and 21 March in a hybrid format, in Brussels and online.

This is the major event in Research and Innovation (R&I) policies organized by the European Commission. It is also a space policy debates, funding and networking opportunities, dedicated workshops and learning more about successful EU-funded R&I projects. It is open to all R&I community, including researchers and professionals, leaders from research performing organizations, funders, and private sector.

Registrations will open soon.

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ICoRSA has a new Research Staff Association on board!

The Spanish National Association of Researchers working In Hospitals - ANIH recently joined ICoRSA!

ANIH reached out its 20th anniversary this year representing 800 researchers working in hospitals in Spain in a variety of from doctoral to senior profiles.

Learn more about the Association [here](#).

Research and Innovation Days 2024

Policymakers, researchers and representatives of stakeholder institutions gathered in Brussels from March 18 to 21, 2024, to discuss recent trends in Research and Innovation. The science policy high-level event organized by the European Commission celebrated the 40th anniversary of the European Research and Innovation Framework Programmes. The three-day event included the [Research and Innovation Days](#), the [EIC Summit 2024](#) and the [Belgian Presidency Conference on Innovation Procurement](#).

The event also Included discussions on the future of the main funding programme in Europe, the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (FP10). Main messages include the need for more fundamental research with less prescription of science, simplification, budget stability and autonomy in programming during the all period of the framework programme.

See ICoRSA report here with more resumes of the sessions.

ISE Recommendations for Horizon Europe and FP10 with participation of ICoRSA

[Initiative for Science in Europe \(ISE\)](#), an advocacy group in Europe that gathers stakeholders' organizations as ICoRSA, EURODOC, Young Academy Europe and individual researchers, launched in 2024 its recommendations on Horizon Europe and FP10, the European major framework programmes for Research and Innovation. The recommendations include contributions from ICoRSA and from its Research Staff Associations ANICT and NInTEC.

Key recommendations include (i) a call to increase collaborative basic research to complete the Research and Innovation cycle in Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe, (ii) avoid any budget cut of Pillar 1 (including the European Research Council grants and Marie Curie Actions) during the remaining years of Horizon Europe, and (iii) increase its budget in the upcoming framework programme.

Learn more about the document [here](#).

Open call: Science Missions of the International Science Council

The International Science Council (ISC) has launched its Global Call on Science Missions for Sustainability! This is an exciting opportunity for innovative, collaborative, and diverse consortia to co-design and pioneer groundbreaking Science Missions to tackle complex sustainability challenges head-on. The consortia can be composed by scientists and scientific organizations, policy-makers, non-governmental organizations, communities, and the private sector, working on the cutting edge of identifying solutions for complex sustainability challenges.

The deadline for applications is 31 May 00:00 UTC. More information on the scope of the call, the application and selection processes and the timeframe are available at <https://council.science/mission-science/>.

European portal for funding and projects results with new features

The [funding and tenders portal](#) is Europe's one-stop-shop for EU funding and tender opportunities with a database for the results of funded projects. The portal was recently update with new features:

- **Advanced Search Capabilities** to discover EU funding opportunities with a simpler and powerful cutting-edge search tool.
- **Tailored Recommendations** to specific needs, ensuring you are always in the loop.
- **Enhanced Filtering** to navigate calls for tenders more efficiently with our improved filtering options.
- **Engaging Content** through *News* and *Events* sections.

The European Commission to discover all these exciting novelties and what is in store for the close future: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alhCCeu_N7Q