



9th World Conference on Research Integrity MAY 3-6, 2026 - VANCOUVER, BC

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

Steneck-Mayer Lecture: Robbert Dijkgraaf



The 2026 Steneck-Mayer lecturer* is **Robbert Dijkgraaf**. He has been the president of the Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, was the director of Princeton Institute for Advanced Study and recently was Minister (Secretary of state) of Education, Culture and Science in the Netherlands. Currently he is University Professor of Science and Society from an International Perspective at the University of Amsterdam and the President-Elect of the International Science Council. In his diverse roles, Robbert Dijkgraaf has consistently taken a strong stance for academic freedom, research integrity and open science.

*The Steneck-Mayer Lecture is named after Nick Steneck and Tony Mayer, the founders of the World Conferences on Research Integrity. The lecture aims to focus on one or more important issues that affect researchers, research institutions, and/or the research system at large and is intended to be an original, insightful, creative and inspiring contribution to the Conference.

[View the full conference program schedule](#)

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

On Sunday, May 3, 2026, enhance your experience by participating in one of our interactive pre-conference workshops. PhD students can apply for the highly regarded Doctoral Forum, a supportive and in-depth session offering expert feedback and valuable international networking opportunities. Additional workshops will address pressing topics such as AI-generated image manipulation in biomedical research, introducing practical tools and FAIR data standards and innovative approaches to strengthening Responsible Conduct of Research education through the dynamic NERQ Marketplace. With limited capacity and hands-on formats, these sessions are designed to equip participants with practical skills, meaningful connections, and actionable insights before the main conference begins. **Spaces are limited**, so we encourage you to visit the website to learn more.

[Explore Workshops](#)

NERQ RECEPTION AT WCRI 2026

NERQ (the Network for Education and Research Quality) is pleased to host its signature **NERQ Reception** during WCRI 2026 in Vancouver. Founded in 2022 and emerging from a cluster of Horizon 2020 projects, NERQ brings together trainers, researchers, and educators committed to advancing high-quality education and evidence-informed practices in Research Integrity, Responsible Conduct of Research, Open Science, and related fields. The network aims to share good practices, strengthen the quality of training and trainers, and stimulate research-based development in RI and RCR education. The **NERQ Reception** will take place on **May 4, 2026, from 9:00–11:00 PM** at the conference hotel as a casual, standing networking event. Open to up to **100 WCRI participants**, including NERQ members, invited guests, and international stakeholders, the reception offers an informal setting to connect, exchange ideas, and explore future collaborations. Building on the success of previous NERQ receptions, the evening will feature relaxed discussions and opportunities to engage with the global research integrity community.

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PAPER MILLS & GENERATIVE AI: RAPID INSIGHTS AND NETWORKING

On Monday, May 4 from 6:00–7:30 pm, join us for a rapid-fire presentation and networking session for registrants interested in paper mills and the potential misuse of generative AI. Attendees will have the opportunity to introduce themselves or their teams in concise, two-minute presentations (no slides required). No advance registration is required to attend; however, if you would like to present or have any questions, **please contact Jennifer Byrne** at jennifer.byrne@health.nsw.gov.au.

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All plenary sessions and selected symposia will be professionally recorded and made available for on-demand viewing. For a small fee, you'll get exclusive access to these recordings (approx. 17 hours of content) for 3 months post conference, so you won't miss out on the latest insights in research integrity. Please note that all presenters must attend the conference in person. [REGISTER NOW](#).



2026 EINSTEIN FOUNDATION AWARD

€350,000 Einstein Foundation Award for Promoting Research Quality

The 2026 Einstein Foundation Award honors researchers, teams, institutions, and early career researchers worldwide who advance research integrity, transparency, and reliability across all disciplines. Three categories are offered: Individual (€150,000), Institutional (€100,000), and Early Career (€100,000). **Deadline: April 30, 2026 (10:00 PM UTC)**



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