



CRS Newsletter 10 August 2026

Lecture series “Fake Science — Isolated Cases or a Systemic Problem?”: Doctored images, invented data, published studies that never took place — are these unfortunate but inevitable isolated cases? Or do they unveil a systemic problem in how research operates? Join the UZH Ringvorlesung this fall semester, starting with the following two lectures:

- Taboo Topics We Can No Longer Avoid: Negligence, Tampering, and Fraud. Ian Hussey (University of Bern)
- Research Integrity and the Quest for Treatments for Alzheimer’s Disease (online). Matthew Schrag (Vanderbilt University)

15 September 2026, then every other Tuesday 18:15 – 20:00 (in-person; recordings will be available after the event)

University of Zurich KOL-F-118 (main building)

Full program: <https://crsuzh.pages.uzh.ch/fake-science/>

CRS Research Talk: CRS Visiting Fellow Florian Frommlet from the Medical University of Vienna will give a talk on “Quality assessment of proposals for animal studies and the resulting publications”.

18 August 13:00 (in-person)

University of Zurich HIT-E-03

More: <https://www.crs.uzh.ch/en/news/2026-News/Research-talk.html>

1st Interdisciplinary Symposium on Meta Science for Methods Research: The in-person event is fully booked, but registration for online participation is still possible.

31 August – 1 September 2026

More: <https://crsuzh.pages.uzh.ch/msmr/>

Forensic Metascience Workshop: In this workshop, participants will receive an introduction to forensic metascience, or the science of detecting errors in the published literature. With Lukas Jung (University of Bern) and Peter Degen (CRS). Organised by the Swiss Reproducibility Network Academy.

3 September 13:15 – 17:00 (in-person)

University of Zurich KO2-G-275 (main building)

Registration:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpeEca0zPWTpLw7IDVC0YMVIsnGXkSZHEmhNu8oZHG3yXn-w/viewform>

OpSciHack 2026 “Less Waste, More Discovery”: A two-day open science hackathon organised by early-career researchers from Open Innovation in Life Sciences (OILS) with CRS as partner. No coding background is required, and participation is free.

3–4 October 2026 (in-person)

Office LAB Baslerpark in Zurich

Registration: <https://luma.com/p7i9glwg>

Call for analysts in a many-analysts simulation study: How do researchers' simulation design choices shape methodological conclusions? Colleagues at LMU München and elsewhere are recruiting researchers to contribute to a many-analysts simulation study.



More: <https://osf.io/8vcxh/files/rj9wt>

Call for replicators in economics: The Journal of Comments and Replications in Economics (JCRE) is hosting a special issue dedicated to replications of empirical research on Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES).

More: <https://jcr-econ.org/special-issues/>

SwissRN workshop on pre-registration: The morning session (lecture) covers the replication crisis and questionable research practices and provides an overview of tools and workflows for credible research. The afternoon hands-on session guides participants through the complexities of preregistration. Organised by the Swiss Reproducibility Network.

4 September 09:00 – 16:30 (independent morning session)

University of Bern

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/e/QRdmmLm8Ga>

More: <https://www.swissrn.org/contents/activities/operra/index.html#pre-registration>

Preprint alert: Pawel, S., Fontana, S., Chen, J., Stoltefuß, L., Weber, F., Skipka, G., Sturtz, S., Bender, R., and Held, L. (2026). Edgington's Combination Method for Two-Study Meta-Analysis: An Empirical Evaluation in 1226 Meta-Analyses. <https://doi.org/10.48550/ARXIV.2607.25819>

Preprint alert: Burgwinkel C., Fontana S., and Held L. (2026) Adjusting for Outcome Reporting Bias in Meta-analysis: A Multiple Imputation Approach. 2026. <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2607.07509>

Preprint alert: Aust, F., Pawel, S., and Wagenmakers, E.-J. (2026). Extracting Bayesian Evidence from Frequentist p -Values. <https://doi.org/10.48550/ARXIV.2607.12132>