

CRS Newsletter October 13, 2021

Dear Members and Fellows of the CRS, dear subscribers of the CRS mailing list

With this newsletter we provide information and activities related to reproducibility and scientific integrity. You will also find information about activities conducted by the CRS.

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1. CRS welcomes a new postdoc, Dr Rachel Heyard, who will split her time between the CRS and her work in the data team of the SNSF. Welcome Rachel!
 2. The Fall 2021 ReproducibiliTea has kicked off on September 30 with Rotem Botvinik-Nezer, Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Lab, Dartmouth College, USA on the “Variability in analyzing a single neuroimaging dataset by many teams”. The next journal club will take place on **October 14 2021 with Francesca Freuli, visiting PhD student at CRS, on “An Excess of Positive Results: Comparing the Standard Psychology Literature With Registered Reports”**. See details [here](#).
 3. **Open Access Week 2021:** a week of lunch talks at the main library, see the detailed program [here](#), specifically the talk of Eva Furrer on Tuesday, “Why should you care about open data and reproducibility?” and the launch of “Open Up Your Research” on Friday.
 4. The **Swiss Reproducibility Network (SwissRN) annual meeting** took place on October 1st at the University of Bern. More than 30 members of local nodes came to Bern joined virtually by more interested persons on Zoom. It was the first in-person meeting of the SwissRN and featured a zoom lecture by philosopher of science Eduard Machery on the role of incentives. The meeting was combined with **European Reproducibility Summit** on September 30th, where leaders from 15 existing and emerging Reproducibility Networks met for collaboration, alignment and networking. A common website soon to be launched by the UK reproducibility network will inform on activities in the future.
 5. **Reproducibility and Research Integrity – a call for content at BMC Research Notes:** Research integrity is an important driver of reliable and trustworthy research, and includes issues such as reproducibility and replicability. BMC Research Notes in collaboration with the UK Reproducibility Network launched a collection on this topic and invites contributions from researchers across the scientific spectrum. See details [here](#).

6. **Publication Alert:** Five keys to writing a reproducible lab protocol
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02428-3>
7. **Publication Alert:** Reproducibility: expect less of the scientific paper
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02486-7>
8. Two new opportunities around peer review training by Daniela Saderi of [PREreview](#):
Open Reviewers Workshop — After last year's [successful pilot Open Reviewers Program](#) supported by eLife and Mozilla, we have been working on reshaping its content and format into a [three-part workshop](#) that can be more easily delivered to research groups in collaboration with research institutions and adapted to specific community needs. More information about the learning objectives and logistics of the workshop can be found on our [website](#). This is part of a recent effort for PREreview to grow our impact and transition from a grant-only funding scheme, to one that includes a "service revenue model" that still remains truthful to our mission and values.

Open Reviewers Toolkit — The workshop's curriculum builds on resources and materials we made openly available on Zenodo, including a [Bias Reflection Guide](#), a [Reviewer Guide](#), and a [Review Assessment Rubric](#), tools we hope will help peer reviewers with an unbiased and constructive composition and assessment of research manuscripts' reviews.