



CRS Newsletter 22 August 2025

The CRS has a new name and an extended mission: Quality of research and the reliability of scientific findings have been the focus of our center since 2018. Building on its achievements in reproducible research, Open Science and meta-research, the CRS is now being transformed and renamed to Center for Reproducible Science and Research Synthesis (CRS), and made permanent with funding from the TRANSFORM funding stream and three UZH faculties.

More: <https://www.crs.uzh.ch/en/news/2025/initial-news.html>

UZH Research Synthesis Half-Day: The CRS invites registrations and contributions to bring together the “who-is-who” in research synthesis at UZH.

12 December, 2026, 13:00 to 17:00

UZH City Campus

More: <https://www.crs.uzh.ch/en/news/2025/UZH-Research-Synthesis-Half-Day.html>

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

Code of Conduct for Preclinical Neuroimaging Data: The CRS has released a code of conduct that compiles and distills resources to facilitate responsible and ethical use, sharing and management of preclinical (animal) neuroimaging data.

Website: <https://crsuzh.pages.uzh.ch/cocoprend/>

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.16420521>

Template for preregistering simulation studies: The template by CRS fellow Samuel Pawel and colleagues has been selected by the Center for Open Science as a preregistration template for simulation studies in OSF.

More: <https://www.cos.io/blog/introducing-the-simulation-studies-preregistration-template>

Research Software Engineering at UZH Kickoff event

25 September 14:00 to 15:00 (online)

More: https://rse.swiss/events/2025_09_25_rse_uzh_kickoff/

UZH Research Software Engineering Community: <https://uzh.sharepoint.com/sites/RSECommunity/>

Publication Alert: A scoping review on metrics to quantify reproducibility: a multitude of questions leads to a multitude of metrics. Royal Society Open Science. By the CRS's Rachel Heyard, Samuel Pawel, Leonhard Held and colleagues.

<https://doi.org/10.1098/rsos.242076>

Blog post: <https://forrt.org/educators-corner/022-repro-metrics-forrt-irise/>

Publication Alert: Meta-regression to explain shrinkage and heterogeneity in large-scale replication projects. PLOS ONE. By Rachel Heyard and Leonhard Held

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0327799>



Reminder — The CRS at the Responsible Research in Action Unconference 2025: Rachel Heyard and Fabio Molo are leading a project at the RRI Unconference: we aim to establish reporting guidelines for reproducibility studies. To participate, register and look for project number 9!

22 - 24 September, 2025

Berlin Institute of Health at Charité

Registration and more: <https://rr-in-action2025.org/>

Reminder — Good Research Practice Course: An opportunity for PhD students and postdocs (and others) to engage with the reproducibility of their research and learn practical skills to improve it. Registration is now open.

17 and 24 October, 2025 at UZH

More via the Graduate Campus: <https://www.skills.grc.uzh.ch/en/page/academicskills>