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Statement from ERC President on outcome of Global Research Council

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The Global Research Council (GRC) that met in Berlin between 27 and 29 May 2013 has adopted an action plan towards open access, as well as a statement of principles for research integrity. The GRC, launched in May 2012, is a forum involving more than 70 research funding agencies worldwide. They pledge to find mutually acceptable paths to greater international research collaboration.

On this occasion, ERC President Prof. Helga Nowotny, who participated in the meeting, commented: *"I am pleased with the outcome of this second meeting of the Global Research Council, which provides an important forum for exchange among the major funding agencies from all over the world. The agreed statement of principles on research integrity is very much in line with the ERC's strategy on scientific misconduct. The ERC already has a practice of maintaining and fostering a culture of research integrity. Another positive outcome is the adoption of an Action Plan towards Open Access, which is also much in line with steps taken by the ERC in the past. The Action Plan will be followed up ahead of the next GRC meeting that will take place in China in 2014. The second major agenda item will be on young researchers and how funding agencies can even better support their careers. Again, I see the ERC leading in vision and practice."*

Links

[GRC Press release, 29 May 2013](#)

[GRC Statement of Principles for Research Integrity](#)

[GRC Action Plan towards Open Access to Publications](#)

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[ERC Scientific Misconduct Strategy](#)

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