

Program Agenda

Asia-Pacific Regional Learning Session on Corrections and Retractions: Upgrading the Scientific Record

Wednesday, 12 November 2025 | 9:00 PM – 12:00 AM (U.S. Eastern Time)

For Asia-Pacific region: Thursday, 13 November 2025 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Beijing) / 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Sydney) / 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM (Auckland) ([Check Time Converter](#))

Moderator: Susan Garfinkel, NASEM Study Committee Member.

1. Welcome and Introductions (10 mins)

- **Randy W. Schekman**, Nobel Laureate in Physiology/Medicine; Chair, NASEM Study Committee.
 - *Opening remarks: Introduction to the Study, Process and Moderator.*
- **Karla Hagan, Study Director**, U.S National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
- **Susan Garfinkel, Moderator**; NASEM Study Committee Member.
 - *Framing the session, objectives, and flow, and introduction of panelists.*

2. Panel 1: Incentives, Cultures, and Pressures in Research (24 mins)

Focus: This panel explores the systemic, cultural, and incentive-based factors shaping research integrity and correction practices across Asia-Pacific and the Middle East.

Speakers:

- **Achal Agrawal**, Founder, India Research Watch.
 - *Flawed Incentives and Fragile Oversight: Understanding the Roots of Research Misconduct in South Asia.*
- **Dr. Lokman Meho**, Professor and University Librarian, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
 - *University Rankings, Citation Metrics, and Their Influence on Research Behavior: Insights from the Arab world and the RI² Framework.*

3. Panel 2: Retractions, Policies, and Institutional Responses (36 mins)

Focus: National and institutional mechanisms for detecting, investigating, and correcting misconduct; coordination between funders, universities, and research offices.

Speakers:

- **Tieming Zhang**, Beijing Forestry University / Society of China University Journals, China
 - *Editorial Integrity and Retractions in China's University Journals.*
- **Li Tang**, School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University, Shanghai, China.
 - *From Detection to Correction: How China's Science Funding Agencies Address Research Misconduct.*
- **Chien Chou**, Chair Professor and Senior Vice President; National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taipei, Taiwan.
 - *Research Errors and Publishing Integrity: Researchers' Awareness and Responses.*

Panel 3: Editorial, Reproducibility, and Solutions Pathways (36mins)

Focus: Practical mechanisms for post-publication review, reproducibility checks, and collaboration between researchers, editors, and institutions to strengthen trust in the scientific record.

- **Jennifer Byrne**, New South Wales Health Pathology and the University of Sydney, Australia.
 - *Post-publication corrections in preclinical cancer research- the view from the trenches.*
- **Daniel Barr**, Principal Advisor, Research Integrity, Research and Innovation, The Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University, Australia.
 - *Institutional and Editorial Collaboration on Corrections and Retractions: Practical Lessons from RMIT.*

- **Andrew Grey**, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Auckland and a consultant endocrinologist, Te Toka Tumai, Auckland
 - *Publishers' responses to integrity concerns are inadequate: evidence and suggestions for improvement.*

4. Moderated Discussion and Q&A with the Committee (70 mins)

- **Discussants:** All panelists and members of the Corrections and Retractions Study Committee
- **Guiding Questions:**
 - What are the most common challenges in the Asia-Pacific region regarding corrections and retractions?
 - How can institutions, publishers, and funders collaborate to strengthen integrity systems?
 - How can incentive structures and assessment frameworks better support timely corrections?
 - What promising practices or models are emerging from the Asia-Pacific contexts?

5. Closing Remarks (5 mins)

- **Susan Garfinkel (Moderator):** Closing Summary.
- **Moses Ogutu**, Associate Program Officer, NASEM – Next steps and acknowledgments.

Speaker Profiles



Susan Garfinkel (Moderator). Dr. Garfinkel is the owner of Research Integrity Partners, offering support to institutions and Research Integrity Officers in managing research misconduct and integrity issues, as well as assisting editors and publishers with publication ethics challenges. Formerly, she held the role of Associate Vice President for Research Compliance at The Ohio State University, where she managed research misconduct, assisted in coordinating institution-wide research compliance policies and procedures, ensured the university's compliance with federal and state regulations, and fostered ethical research practices. Previously, she served as the Director for the Division of Investigative Oversight at the U.S. Office of Research Integrity responsible for the oversight of research misconduct nationally and internationally. Dr. Garfinkel also was Director of Research Grants for a non-profit organization that funded research in age-related degenerative diseases and stem cell research, and Program Officer at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health. She has been faculty for conferences to train State and Federal court judges on molecular biology technologies, is a founding member of the Asian Pacific Rim Research Integrity network (APRI), and a Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) Board of Trustee member.



Prof Jennifer Byrne, New South Wales Health Pathology and the University of Sydney, Australia. Jennifer Byrne is Director of Biobanking- New South Wales Health, and Professor of Molecular Oncology at the University of Sydney, where she leads the PRIMeR group (Publication and Research Integrity in Medical Research). Jennifer was one of Nature's 10 people in 2017 for highlighting repetitive human gene research papers with critical reagent errors, and she was one of 3 experts who testified before US Congress at their 2022 congressional hearing into paper mills and research misconduct. Jennifer holds the Australian Academy of Science's Professor David Vaux Research Integrity Fellowship award for 2025-2026.



Chien Chou. Chien is Chair Professor, Senior Vice President, and Chief Ethics Officer at National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan. Dr. Chien Chou earned her Ph.D. in Instructional Design and Technology from The Ohio State University, USA. She is currently Chair Professor, Senior Vice President, and Chief Ethics Officer at National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan. Her research interests include e-learning, digital literacy and ethics, and integrity education. She has made significant contributions to the promotion of research integrity in Taiwan's research community and higher education, including establishing a national RCR curriculum, formulating relevant policies and regulations, implementing education and training systems, and handling misconduct cases. She is the recipient of the Ministry of Education's Academic Award (2023) and the National Excellent Teacher Award (2025).



Tang, Li is a Professor of Public Policy at the School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University in Shanghai, China. Her research focuses on research integrity, science and innovation policy, and program evaluation. Her work has been published in leading journals, including *Science* and *Nature*. She currently serves as an Associate Editors of *Quantitative Science Studies*, *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*, and *Fudan Public Administration (Chinese)*. Official webpage: https://faculty.fudan.edu.cn/tangli/zh_CN/index.htm



Dr. Lokman Meho is University Librarian and a tenured Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the American University of Beirut. He is the founder and manager of the [Research Integrity Risk Index \(RI²\)](#), a globally recognized metric assessing institutional-level research integrity and performance. His scholarship has been featured in *Nature*, *Science*, *University World News*, and numerous other outlets. Dr. Meho's work bridges data analytics, ethics, and science policy, focusing on how universities can enhance credibility, research quality, and responsible evaluation. Before joining AUB, he was a tenured Associate Professor at Indiana University Bloomington and served as Library Director at Georgetown University in Qatar (2021-2023).



Daniel Barr is the Principal Research Integrity Advisor at RMIT University, Australia. Dr Barr specialises in how institutions support the ethical, safe, and responsible conduct of research. Dr Barr serves the research integrity community through leadership and advisory roles with the World Conferences on Research Integrity Foundation, the Asia-Pacific Research Integrity Network, the Australasian Research Management Society, the Australian Academy of Science, and Universities Australia. Dr Barr co-authored the APEC Guiding Principles for Research Integrity, co-chaired the 6th World Conference on Research Integrity held in Hong Kong, and in 2021, received the Paul Taylor Medal for Excellence in Research Integrity.



Zhang Tieming, editor in chief, Journal Publishing Department of Beijing Forestry University; President of Society of China University Journals; Vice president of China Journal Association; Member of the 8th Science and Technology Commission under the Ministry of Education P.R. CHINA. ZHANG has nearly 20 years' experience in the editing and publishing of scientific journals. He has led a number of research projects for the Chinese Association for Science and Technology (CAST), Beijing Municipal Education Commission, and Department of Science, Technology and Information, Ministry of Education. As a team member of the CAST and STM program, he and his domestic and international colleges compiled the joint Report Open Access

Publishing in China (2022). He also participated in consultation and research programs on the development and reform of China's scientific journals.



Achal Agrawal, Founder, [India Research Watch](#). Dr. Achal Agrawal is the founder of India Research Watch, which works for research integrity in India. He also founded PostPub, a dashboard for country-wise and institute-wise retraction statistics. His main focus is on research metrics and incentives which are leading to increasing misconduct.



Andrew Gray is Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Auckland and a consultant endocrinologist, Te Toka Tumai, Auckland. His academic interest in publication integrity began in 2013. He and his colleagues have co-authored >40 publications on various aspects of publication integrity, including assessment methodologies and publisher and institutional responses to notification of integrity concerns.