

Agenda

Information Day / Workshop on US research funding opportunities for EU researchers

Wednesday, 7th October 2015, 10 am – 4:30 pm

HOTEL DIANA Roma
Via Principe Amedeo, 4
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The Workshop on US Research Funding Opportunities for EU Researchers is organized as an activity of [BILAT USA 2.0](#), a project funded by the European Union under FP7, with the aim to enhance EU-US Science and Innovation cooperation. This workshop will offer the opportunity to hear from experts from the US and from European research managers with experience in managing US federal funds.

9:30 – 10:00 Registration / Welcome Coffee

General Moderation: Jesse Szeto, NCURA Global

Time	Topic	Speaker
10:00 – 10:10h	Welcome / Introduction	Jesse Szeto
10:10 - 10:20h	The Italian-American scientific cooperation possibilities supported by the Italian MAECI	Nicola Bianchi
10:20 – 11:30h	Part I <i>Promotion of US federal research funding opportunities for European researchers</i> Key Question: Which US federal funding opportunities are open to European researchers (with specific focus on NIH & NSF)?	Patricia Hawk John W. Hanold
11:30 – 11:45h	Coffee Break	
11:45 – 13:00h	Part II <i>Strengthen European institutions' expertise in applying for and managing US research funds</i> Key Questions: What is required to apply for US federal funds? What is required to be a sub-recipient of US federal funds, with specific focus on NIH and NSF?	Patricia Hawk John W. Hanold
13:00 – 14:00h	Light lunch and Networking opportunities	
14:00 – 15:30h	Part III <i>Case studies of managing US funding in Europe</i>	Eva Björndal Regina Notz
15:30 – 16:30h	Open discussion with all Panelists and Opportunity for individual questions	All



John W. Hanold, Ph.D.

As Associate Vice President for Research for the Pennsylvania State University (Penn State), John works to establish effective partnerships and linkages among University offices, faculty, government agencies, and private industry to promote and support the Penn State research enterprise. As Director of Sponsored Programs, he oversees proposal preparation and contract negotiation activities for Penn State's sponsored research, instruction, and outreach activities. John also serves as co-chair of ACOR, which is responsible for the ongoing training and development of the Penn State research administration community.

John has worked as a Penn State research administrator in various capacities, serving in Materials Science and Engineering, the Institute for Policy Research and Evaluation, and the Office of Sponsored Programs. John provides comprehensive training to PSU staff in all aspects of pre-award and post-award research administration. He has taught over 50 philosophy classes at Penn State, including classes in logic, ethical theory, business ethics, medical ethics, and research ethics. John has served on PSU's Conflict of Interest Committee and the University Ethics Committee. He has taught national and international workshops on federal contracting, industry contracting, international contracting, export control regulations, research ethics, and the art of contract negotiation. John is a graduate of Marquette University (B.A., philosophy) and a graduate of Penn State (Ph.D., philosophy).



Regina Notz

Regina works for EU GrantsAccess as a senior research manager since 2009. She studied at ETH Zurich, where she also did her PhD. Her PhD was followed by a PostDoc as a Marie Curie Industrial Fellow at the Unilever Research and Health Institute in the Netherlands. Regina stayed for 5.5 years with Unilever, moving from basic research towards product development, research and innovation management. Back in Switzerland, Regina followed up on her passion for research management and consultancy at her current position in the international grants office of ETH and University of Zurich, where she is in charge of advising researchers with US grants and providing support to set up institutional policies for these grants.



Patricia Hawk

Patricia Hawk has been involved in research administration for more than 30 years. As the Assistant Vice President for Sponsored Research and Award Administration at Oregon State University (OSU), Pat directs the pre- and post-award functions at OSU and serves as the primary signatory authority. Her previous responsibilities at OSU have included preparing OSU's Facilities and Administrative (F&A) rate proposal and reviewing/revising OSU's Disclosure Statement (DS-2) and service as the Director of Sponsored Programs (OSU's former pre-award office). Prior to OSU, Pat served as the Assistant Director of the Sponsored Projects Administration at Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU). She has also had experience with the University of Oregon, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the University of Virginia. Pat has been an active member in NCURA during her research administration career. She has served on numerous national and regional program committees, has been a presenter at numerous regional and national level conferences since becoming a member of NCURA 30+ years ago. In addition, she has served as faculty member on three national level NCURA travelling workshops and also a faculty member for the Global Travelling Workshops. She has chaired two National-level committees for NCURA, and most recently served as NCURA's Vice-President, President and Immediate Past President from 2012 through 2014.



Eva Björndal

Eva Björndal is Team Leader for the Post-Contract Office at Karolinska Institutet, Sweden. Previously she has held positions at Karolinska Institutet as the Compliance Coordinator, Financial Advisor for International Grants and EU Financial manager. Prior to working in research management she worked for the European Commission.

Eva is the chair of NCURA's International Region and serves as a Swedish delegate of the Research and Innovation planning group of the Nordic Association of University Administrators (NUAS). She is also involved in ARCADE HSSR and ARCADE RSDH, which are two EU-funded projects for building capacity for health systems and services, including grants management, in Africa and Asia.

Nicola Bianchi

Nicola, as a senior research scientist, works since 2014 for the Scientific and Technological Cooperation Unit of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. This Unit is in charge of the negotiation and signing of Executive Protocols on bilateral cooperation in science and technology. The Executive Protocols are the direct application of specific bilateral science and technology collaboration agreements and have multiyear validity. Nicola is also the Italian representative in the Council of the SESAME project in Jordan, since he believes that science can also contribute to a culture of peace through international cooperation.

Nicola studied Physics at Rome University “La Sapienza” and after he did experimental research in nuclear and sub-nuclear physics in many laboratories around the world producing several hundred of scientific publications. He is currently Italian representative in the Nuclear Physics Division Board of the European Physical Society.

With respect to the activity in USA, Nicola worked, among others, together different research groups from MIT, Yale, WSU, LBNL, ORNL, BNL. He was for 3 years in the Program Advisory Committee of the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Virginia and he has been many times international referee for the Department of Energy.

