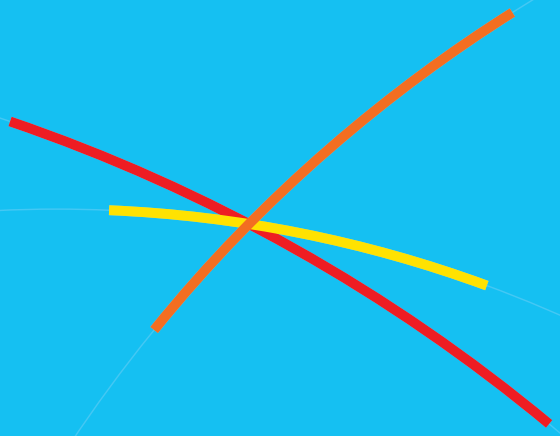
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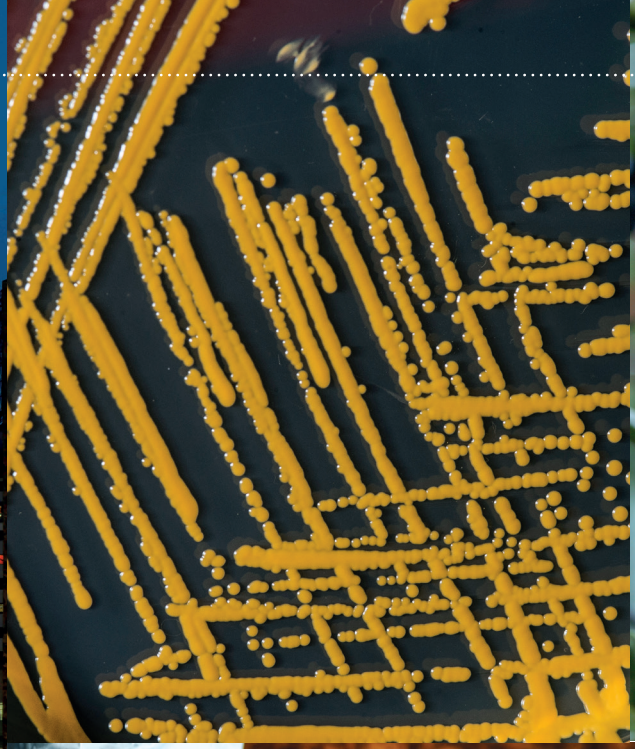
Dear Colleagues,

It is an honor to welcome you to the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Global Research Council (GRC). This edition is hosted by the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) from Brazil, the National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET) from Argentina, and the German Research Foundation (DFG) from Germany.

Over the past seven years, the GRC has taken shape as a singular and effective forum for funding agencies worldwide to collaborate in sharing information and best practices. Topics such as Interdisciplinarity of Research and the Interplay Between Fundamental Research and Innovation have been covered in past meetings and led to Statements of Principles and other guiding documents that can be used as reference by research councils worldwide.

This year, and following productive discussions in five regional meetings organized in October and November 2018, GRC participants will engage in discussions on how to assess and demonstrate scientific, societal, and economic impact created from the research they support with public funds. Whilst advancing and transcending the boundaries of knowledge remains as a primary objective, demonstrating the social and economic impact of research proves as important for the relationship and expectations of external stakeholders, such as political decision-makers and society. Discussions will focus










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on the challenges of considering societal and economic impact as funding criteria and on the benefits of assessing and demonstrating the impact of funded projects to the benefit of society after their completion.

In times when pseudoscience and fake news have gained the spotlight, a stronger connection and communication with society is especially important. This ability to communicate and establish accountability reflects in a better-informed society, as well as enables political decision-makers to better justify public funds applied in research.

Participants will also exchange views about the Gender Dimension of Research Impact, in a panel lead by the GRC Gender Working Group, taking up actions discussed and agreed in previous Regional and Annual Meetings.

This year's meeting is the first held in Latin America by GRC. It will be hosted by the State of São Paulo, in Brazil, a State with a vigorous system for science, technology, and innovation, with the largest scientific production in the region and representing 43% of Brazilian scientific output. With a population of 42 million people, 70 thousand researchers in 151 research institutions, and a strong business sector R&D, the state accounts for 32% of Brazil's GDP.

This vibrant community offers a warm welcome to research council representatives and special guests. We look forward to a successful meeting.

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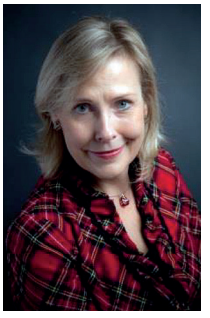
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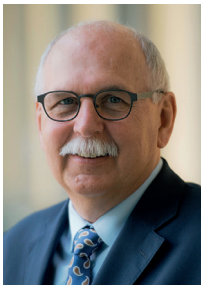
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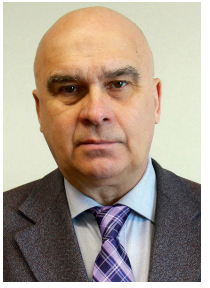
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FAPESP has partnerships with several foreign funding agencies, academies, companies, and higher education and research institutions, focusing the development of joint research projects.

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The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) is the largest research funding organisation and the central self-governing organisation for research in Germany. Its mission, as defined in its statutes, is to promote "all branches of science and the humanities".

With an annual budget of around €3.2 billion provided by the federal and state governments, the DFG funds and coordinates approximately 32,000 research projects in its various programmes. These projects are carried out by both individual researchers and groups of researchers based at universities and non-university research institutions.

The focus in all disciplines is on basic research. Researchers at universities and research institutions in Germany are eligible to apply for DFG funding. Research proposals are evaluated by reviewers in line with the criteria of scientific quality and originality, and then assessed by review boards, which are elected for a four-year period by the German research community.

The DFG currently has 96 member organisations, primarily comprised of universities. Since research increasingly relies on worldwide partnerships, the DFG facilitates and supports international cooperation between researchers, scientific and academic institutions and funding organisations and systematically identifies and utilises new potential for cooperation.

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National Scientific and Technical Research Council

CONICET

The National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET) is the main research performing organization in Argentina. It comprises four areas of knowledge: Agrarian, Engineering and Material Sciences; Biological and Health Sciences; Exact and Natural Sciences; Social Sciences and Humanities.

As part of a territorial model, CONICET is an institutional network that includes 15 regional delegations and more than 280 research centres along the country, most of them in association with Universities and R&D organizations. CONICET employs 11.000 Staff Researchers and 2.5000 engineers and technicians, and funds around 11.000 research fellowships (both at doctoral and postdoctoral level).

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The Global Research Council is a virtual organization, comprised of the heads of science and engineering funding agencies from around the world, dedicated to promote the sharing of data and best practices for high-quality collaboration among funding agencies worldwide.

The worldwide growth of public support for research has presented an opportunity for countries large and small to work in concert across national borders. Cooperation and collaboration can enhance the quality of science, avoid unnecessary duplication, provide economies of scale, and address issues that can only be solved by working together. Research funding agencies have a responsibility to meet these objectives on behalf of the research communities.

The purposes of the Global Research Council thus are sixfold:

1. To improve communication and cooperation among funding agencies;
2. To promote the sharing of data and best practices for high-quality research cooperation;
3. To provide a forum for regular meetings of the Heads of Research Councils;
4. To respond to opportunities and to address issues of common concern in the support of research and education;
5. To be a resource for those institutions wishing to build a world-class research landscape;
6. To explore mechanisms that support the global science enterprise and the worldwide research community.

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