

● Exploring project, institution and national risks of international research collaboration.

This session will introduce the topic of risk in international research collaboration, covering areas such as risk appetite, the role of RMAs in decisions or recommendations on risk levels and balancing the different drivers of our Institution so that we can manage risk accordingly and continue to facilitate the fantastic international research collaborations that we all want to be part of.

Through two separate blocks of group work the delegates will first be asked to list all the different types of risk that they consider when working with international partners at three different levels. Firstly at a project level so this could include potential risks in delivery of project objectives, for example if an extreme weather event jeopardises field work. Then at an institutional level, for example potential reputational risks to your organisation and finally and a national level for example if geo-political issues such as sanctions arise. Delegates will be asked to feedback from their groups, creating a shared list of possible risks to consider.

The second block of group work will see the delegates being given a scenario to discuss, to consider what risks might arise from it and any mitigations they might consider putting in place. They will also be asked to create a newspaper 'headline' that demonstrates how reputational damage can occur. Delegates will be encouraged to be creative and fun with their 'headline' as this is the last session before congress close. Feedback to the room will finish this last set of group work, and the workshop will close with a few comments and suggestions and an opportunity for questions from the delegates.

Presenter:

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Linsey is Director of Research Services at the University of Stirling, leading teams focussing on delivery of increased grant capture; research operations including research integrity and governance and broader research performance.
Linsey is Co-I on the project 'Efficiency, Equity, Quality and Security in International Research Collaboration' and was on the Board of ARMA UK, chairing the Professional Development Committee. She has overseen the refresh of ARMA's professional qualifications and Professional Development Framework as well as leading the annual conference for the association. Currently she is also Chair of the INORMS (International Network of Research Management Societies) working group.

Programme Layout:

10.50 – 11.00	Introduction and background information, covering risk appetite and the decisions we may be taking as RMAs or recommendations to senior management.
11.00 – 11.15	Group work: what are the different types of Risk that we might need to consider when working with international partners?
11.15 – 11.35	Feedback and capturing risks at a project level (e.g. if an extreme weather event means a partner is unable to carry out fieldwork) at Institutional level (e.g. reputational risk) or National (e.g. where geo-political issues such as sanctions arise)
11.35 – 11.55	Group work – scenarios. Each group will be given a case study to consider and will be asked to discuss what they think the possible risks might be. They will also be asked to create a newspaper headline.
11.55 – 12.10	Feedback on group work
12.15 – 12.20	Closing remarks and any questions not addressed throughout the session