



Peer reviewer credit in research assessment

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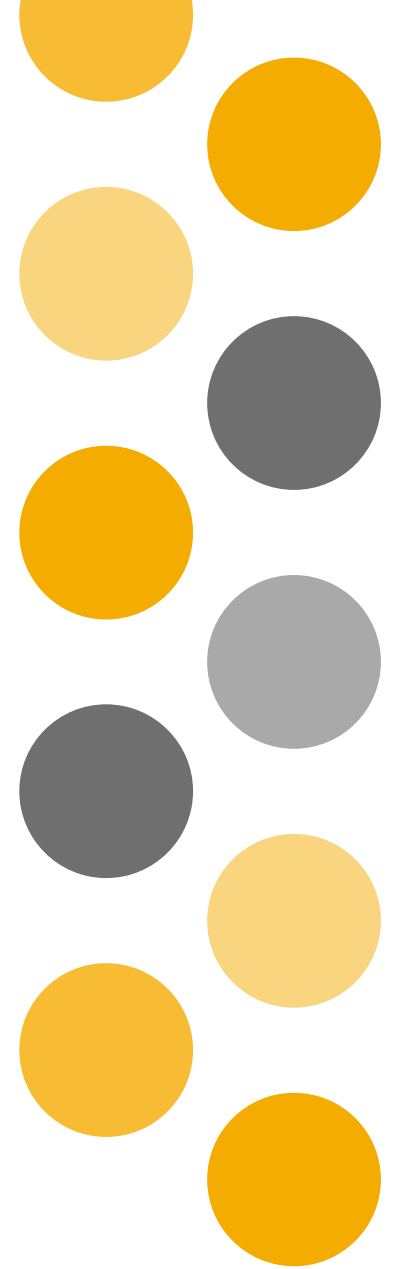
Introduction

- Methods used in the workshop
- Stakeholders & how they interact
- Importance of peer review for different stakeholders
- Issues associated with recognising peer review
- Next steps

Workshop methods and limitations

- 20 experts
- 7 groups of stakeholders
 - Researchers
 - Funders
 - Journals
 - Institutions
 - Assessment experts
 - Policy experts
 - Technology platforms
- Structured thematic discussions

- **Limitations:** Focus on formal peer review output, primarily by journals



Recommendations for...

Institutes

- Use a list of top-tier journals to assess review quality
- Use credit as a percentage of the hiring score
- Incorporate review work as a percentage of the basic duties
- Train researchers in peer review

Funders

- Reviewer credit as a tie breaker
- Use peer review credit when evaluating early career researchers
- Consider peer review as evidence of senior researchers' contributions to research culture and engagement in the community
- Lead in specifying what makes a good review!

Journals

- Diversify pool of reviewers
- Engage more early career researchers, and lead in training them on peer review
- Reduce workload for reviewers by encouraging journals to accept portable peer review



Early Career Researchers

Engage with the early career researchers

- Benefits of being “on the bench”
- Improve themselves as scientists
- Understand the importance and value of peer review
- Want to contribute to the system
- They have time!

Working with CoARA

- Proposed a working group at CoARA on *Recognizing and Rewarding Peer Review**
- Stakeholders include funders, journals, and research institutes
- Recommendations from the group will lead to pilot programmes
- Pilots will be evaluated and refined

*Description of the working group: https://coara.eu/app/uploads/2024/03/WG-Overview_Recognizing-and-Rewarding-Peer-Review.pdf

Thank you!

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