



The FORCE2016 Research Communication and e-Scholarship Conference brings together a diverse group of people interested in changing the way in which scholarly and scientific information is communicated and shared. The goal is to maximize efficiency and accessibility. The conference is non-traditional, with all stakeholders coming to the table for open discussion on an even playing field in support of innovation and coordination across perspectives. The conference is intended to create new partnerships and collaborations and support implementation of ideas generated at the conference and subsequent working groups.

The conference consists of approximately 300 scientists, publishers, librarians, computer scientists, informaticians, funders, educators, citizens, patients, and more - from all sectors of the scholarly landscape. Comments from FORCE 2015 delegates:

- “The attendees, program agenda, presentations and demos were engaging, lively and motivating. It was really pleasing to be reminded of just how cool and exciting it can be at the cutting edge of scholarly communication.”
- “This meeting was especially unique because there were experts from so many different domains and often when a group from one discipline proposed to embark on a new venture there were people from other fields who had experience dealing with the same issue who could provide guidance and alert them to potential pitfalls.”
- “I came away with innovative angles for solving my own research problem and I was encouraged by the interdisciplinary pool of resources. It was exciting to meet people who were in the active ‘let’s get it done’ camp rather than the perpetual planners.”
- “An excellent networking experience! Particularly appreciate having a conference with data managers, librarians, publishers, funders, and researchers from multiple different areas.”

This year’s theme “**Building Bridges, Connecting Knowledge**” focuses on sharing information globally in accessible and expedited ways. Examples include:

- Rare disease data sharing to assist patients in finding others like them;
- The significance and opportunities for emerging nation, rural community, and citizen science in the global data ecosystem;
- New and emerging trends in scholarly publishing for research data objects;
- New constructs for transparency in scholarly communications;
- Revitalizing the skillsets of emerging and current researchers for digital dissemination;
- Balancing the demands of openness and security in ethical ways; and
- Access to information for disabled or financially disadvantaged consumers.

Dates and Venue

- Pre-conference workshops: Collaborative Life Sciences Building, Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), Portland, Oregon, Sunday, April 17, 2016
- Main conference: The Gerding Theater at the Armory; Portland, Oregon, Monday-Tuesday, April 18-19, 2016.

Interested in sponsoring? We have a variety of exciting and NW specific opportunities to assist in bringing us all together for a fantastic opportunity to revolutionize global scholarly communication. For more details on sponsorship, please visit our sponsorship website:

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