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Upcoming FORCE2016 Conference: Building Bridges, Connecting Knowledge

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.



Our first conference under the new name was held in Oxford last year in celebration of the 350th anniversary of the publication of the initial volume of the *Philosophical Transactions*--the first scientific journal. At the Oxford conference, we focused on reproducibility, data sharing, and citizen science.

This year's themes focus 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.