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### **Transparency In Review is focus for Peer Review Week 2017**

To honor and celebrate peer review, a group of organizations is working collaboratively to plan a week of activities and events. The group is delighted to announce that the third annual Peer Review Week will run from September 11- 17, 2017.

This year's theme is **Transparency in Review**, exploring what the concept means to various stakeholders participating in review activity – in publishing, grant review, conference submissions, promotion and tenure, and more.

Planned activities include virtual and in-person events including webinars, videos, interviews and social media activities designed to improve understanding of the principle of peer review and how it is practiced within the scholarly community. A list of events, including *Under the Microscope: Transparency in Review*, a panel discussion taking place following the Peer Review Congress on September 12, is available [here](#). Throughout the week many organizations will join in with additional activities.

The Peer Review Week website also features a list of online resources to advance our understanding of peer review and its role in 21<sup>st</sup> century scholarship.

The idea for the first Peer Review Week, held in 2015, grew out of informal conversations between ORCID, [ScienceOpen](#), [Sense about Science](#), and [Wiley](#), the organizations that planned and launched the initiative in 2015.

“It’s truly inspiring to see how enthusiasm for and participation in Peer Review Week has grown since our first small steps in 2015. This year’s theme of transparency is especially timely and

important. Ensuring that the peer review process is transparent to reviewers and readers alike, whether or not that process itself is open or anonymized, builds understanding and trust in scholarly communications. And that's something we can all agree is a very worthy goal," commented Peer Review Week Chair, Alice Meadows.

In 2017, over 20 organizations are signed on to the Peer Review Week organizing committee. Coordinating efforts enables us to share widely and powerfully the message that good peer review, whatever shape or form it might take, is critical to scholarly communications.

**For more information**, and to get involved with Peer Review Week activities, follow @PeerRevWeek on Twitter, and visit [www.peerreviewweek.org](http://www.peerreviewweek.org) and follow #PeerRevWk17 and #TransparencyInReview across social media platforms.

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