Overview
In response to the unprecedented times we find ourselves in, EARMA has put together an exciting online programme to keep you engaged with the world of research management and administration in Europe as we all band together to protect the ones we care for.

Highlights of EARMA Digital Sessions include a discussion with Anna Panagopoulou (Director of Common Support Centre at DG Research and Innovation), a session on how RMAs can use their skills to help in the fight against Coronavirus, the challenges faced by RMAs in this crisis, expert tips on how to write a successful proposal, widening Horizon 2020 to show EU-13 excellence and much more.

Many of the sessions that we will be hosting were scheduled to be part of the annual EARMA conference, now postponed to September 2020. Working with the EARMA Annual Conference Programme Committee, we know that you will enjoy and feel informed by these interactive sessions. We want our EARMA community to get involved and actively participate in this innovative and contemporary agenda. *Session details, full abstracts and bios can be viewed on our website, and will be updated over the coming weeks. Please visit this webpage to find details on how to participate.*

This programme is kindly hosted by our friends and sponsors at: www.emdesk.com

**EARMA** represents the community of Research Managers and Administrators (RMAs) in Europe. Our members work in industry, academia, the public and private sectors. We work with the EU Commission, national and international funding agencies. EARMA provides a networking forum, a learning platform, and a place to share experiences and best practice among RMAs throughout EARMA and in the wider RMA community.
Programme

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:00 - 11:00 (CEST)
Leading a university research office in times of disruption -
with Stefania Grotti (POLIMI), Simon Kerridge (University of Kent), Soile Haverinen
(University of Turku) and Maryam Hansson Edalat (Stockholm University)

This session will be an exchange of experiences by heads of research offices. They will
discuss how they are currently continuing their work in the context of COVID-19. The
speakers will give a view on the measures that are in place in their country, region and
university. Such items as managing staff and supporting principal investigators remotely
will be addressed.

Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:00 - 11:00 (CEST)
Opening up the Crowdhelix network and technology platform to respond to the
COVID-19 challenge -
with Michael Browne (Director Crowdhelix) and Bjorn Küll (Head of Grants Office at
Karolinska Institute)

In response to the current crisis, Crowdhelix has created a new open access and free to
use COVID-19 Helix (Virtual Technology Cluster) that brings together researchers and
innovators on a global scale to respond to and collaborate on projects. This webinar will
provide a summary of how the Helix works and how you / your stakeholders may be able
use and benefit from what it has to offer. The academic lead is observed by the Karolinska
Institute with the primary other academic partners being University College Cork, Imperial
College, Universidad Politecnica De Madrid, Politecnico di Milano and University College
London. Almost all of these are long standing EARMA members.

Monday, April 27, 2020 10:00 - 11:00 (CEST)
Assessment and its impact on institutional strategy, an international comparison -
with Andrew Jackson (Durham University) and Sigridur Beck (University Of
Gothenburg)

Andrew and Sigridur provide an overview of the research assessment environments in
two national contexts – Sweden and the UK, with the aim of exploring the role that
different assessment policy frameworks have in the development of institutional strategy.
The highly centralised UK Research Excellence Framework has some significant
methodological and operational differences when compared to the more devolved
approach taken by the Higher Education Authority (UKÄ – Universitetskanslersämbetet)
in Sweden. They will explore the advantages and disadvantages of each assessment
approach, and will highlight the key challenges that inform the practice of research
managers and policy professionals.
Monday, April 27, 2020 14:00 - 15:00 (CEST)
The Write Stuff: The workshop -
with Suzanne Darcy (University College Dublin, Sutherland School Of Law)

Following on from Suzanne’s presentation at the EARMA conference last year, entitled ‘The Write Stuff – Saying More by Writing Less’, she will facilitate a workshop, ‘The Write Stuff: The Workshop’. Suzanne will provide the opportunity for attendees to get into the detail by actually looking at successful proposals and pouring over the content, the writing, the syntax and the grammar. Often, there’s feedback to be used when working on a re-submission. Suzanne believes there are invaluable lessons to be learned through this process for any RMA that is involved in the editing and writing of funding proposals. This is knowledge exchange at work in its truest sense.

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:00 - 11:00 (CEST)
From Horizon 2020 to Horizon Europe: strengthening of widening measures and the challenges for RMA -
with Zygmunt Krasiński (Polish Academy of Sciences) and Katarzyna Walczyk-Matuszyk (Polish Academy of Sciences)

Excellence is present in all European countries. However, despite serious efforts by the European Union and the Member States as well as the inclusion of the “Widening package” in Horizon 2020, significant gaps remain among European regions in terms of research and innovation performance. This is due to different factors including stiff regulations on participation, poorer visibility of EU-13 excellence and the “old boys clubs” reflected in the ‘brain drain’ effect. During the session, Zygmunt will discuss current efforts to support wider participation in Horizon Europe, the widening measures in the next Framework Programme, the “Widening package” and new horizontal instruments, selected Teaming projects, selection criterion in the ERA-Net Quantera project, and outcomes of the NCP-WIDE.NET project.

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 14:00 - 15:00 (CEST)
EARMA Standing Committee meeting showcase -
with Esther Philips (EARMA Chair) and Nik Claesen (EARMA Managing Director)

This event is for all members of EARMA Standing Committees, and is by invitation only. The purpose of this meeting is a joint gathering of the Board and all EARMA standing committees with the members to outline the role of each committee, its past and current activities, and its future plans. We warmly invite all committee members and the Board to attend. There will be an introduction to the EARMA Strategy hosted by Esther Philips, a presentation on the implementation of the EARMA strategy including results of the previous strategic period by Nik Claesen, and an introduction to each standing committee by the committee Chair or representative.
Wednesday, April 29, 2020  14:00 - 15:00 (CEST)
Why research managers and administrators should care about equality, diversity and inclusion -
with Jakob Feldtfos Christensen (DIVERSIuniTY) and Lachlan Smith (Cloud Chamber)

Diversity and internationalization are hot topics in research and research administration. Too often, however, it sits with management in strategy and policy. In this webinar we will show you why you as RMAs should care about diversity and internationalisation, what some of the challenges are and provide an introduction as to how to make diversity work in research management and research environments. The examples used in the webinar focus on LGBT+ staff and international collaboration.

Thursday, April 30, 2020  14:00 - 15:00 (CEST)
The Implementation Strategy of Horizon Europe -
with Anna Panagopoulou (Director of Common Support Centre at DG Research and Innovation)

This session abstract will be updated later on the EARMA Digital Sessions section of our website. The session will cover the following topics: The Implementation Strategy of Horizon Europe; the new structure of DG RTD and how it aligns to helping to implement Horizon Europe; and how the 'missions' will be implemented, is there a role in missions for curiosity driven research and what part can national member states play or should they play in relation to achieving these missions.

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