# The Future of Scientific Conferencing

**June 6th, 7th, and 11th, 2024**

**Workshop Agenda**

## Day 1—Thursday, June 6, 2024

**Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Belonging and Environmental Sustainability**

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| 12:00 – 12:10 p.m. | Welcome to the Workshop  
*Jessica Gowda, M.S., Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), and Sydney O’Connor, Ph.D., OBSSR* |  |
| 12:10 – 12:15 p.m. | Welcome Address  
*Jane Simoni, Ph.D., Director, OBSSR* |  |
| 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. | Opening Keynote  
*Marie A. Bernard, M.D., Chief Officer for Scientific Workforce Diversity (COSWD), National Institutes of Health,*  
*with introduction and moderation by Jean Shin, Ph.D., Deputy Director, COSWD* |  |
| 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. | **Session 1—Cultivating Inclusivity: Advancing Diversity and Equity in Scientific Convenings**  
Moderator: *Marie A. Bernard, M.D., COSWD*  
Panelists:  
- *Michelle Joseph, M.B.B.S, Ph.D., M.Sc., FRCS, Harvard Medical School*  
- *Carmen Corona-Sobrino, Ph.D., University of Valencia*  
- *Sarvenaz Sarabipour, Ph.D., University of Connecticut School of Medicine* |  
|  | **Session 1—Sustainability in Motion: Charting a Greener Course for Academic Travel and Career Progression**  
Moderator: *Sydney O’Connor, Ph.D., OBSSR*  
Panelists:  
- *Tamara Ben Ari, Ph.D., French National Institute for Agriculture, Food, and Environment (INRAE)*  
- *Lorraine Whitmarsh, Ph.D., University of Bath*  
- *Sara Ackerman, Ph.D., M.P.H., University of California, San Francisco* |
### Session 2—Creating Inclusive Conference Environments Through Disability Inclusion and Accessibility: A Fireside Chat

**Moderator:** Theresa Cruz, Ph.D., National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

**Panelists:**
- Lisa Meeks, Ph.D., M.A., University of Michigan Medical School
- Bonnielin Swenor, Ph.D., M.P.H., Johns Hopkins School of Nursing
- Jenny Mai Phan, Ph.D., Children’s National Hospital

### Session 2—Redefining Conferences: Innovative Formats for Sustainable Engagement

**Moderator:** Toccara Chamberlain, M.A., National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

**Panelists:**
- Yanqi Tao, M.S., Cornell University
- Nils Meyer-Kahlen, M.Sc., Aalto University
- Cassandra Raby, Ph.D., University of Leeds

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### Plenary Session

*Lucy Gilson, Ph.D., Dean, Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics, University of New Hampshire,*

with introduction and moderation by *Erica Spotts, Ph.D., OBSSR*

### Workshop Day 1 Summary

*Carlos Garrido, Ph.D., M.S., M.P.H., National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities*

### Preview of Engagement Day and Workshop Day 2

*Jessica Gowda, M.S., OBSSR, and Sydney O’Connor, Ph.D., OBSSR*

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### Engagement Day—Friday, June 7, 2024

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Michael Lauer, M.D., Deputy Director for Extramural Research, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health |                                                                                               |
| 12:20 – 1:00 p.m. | Plenary Session  
Andy Burnett, M.Sc., Managing Director, Knowinnovation Ltd.,  
with introduction and moderation by Amit Mistry, Ph.D., Fogarty International Center |                                                                                               |
| 1:15 – 2:45 p.m. | Session 1—Forging Social Connections: Formal and Informal Networking at Scientific Conferences  
Moderator: Dana Greene-Schloesser, Ph.D., OBSSR  
Panelists:  
- Sue Allen, Ph.D., Clean Conferencing Institute  
- Joshua Gutwill, Ph.D., Clean Conferencing Institute  
- Ariane Wenger, ETH Zurich  
- Emma Zajdela, Ph.D., Princeton University | Session 1—Building Bridges: Navigating Diverse Viewpoints and Needs to Optimize the Conference Experience  
Moderator: Kara Hall, Ph.D., National Cancer Institute  
Reactor: Nancy Kidd, Ph.D.  
Panelists:  
- Jessica Pokharel, Ph.D., ITHAKA  
- Willem Standaert, Ph.D., HEC Liège – Management School of the University of Liège  
- Lauren Kuehne, M.S., Omfishient Consulting |
| 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. | Session 2—Catalysts of Innovation: Exploring the Impact of Scientific Convenings on Knowledge Sharing and Idea Diffusion  
Moderator: Jean Shin, Ph.D., COSWD  
Panelists:  
- Thomas Trøst Hansen, Ph.D., Danish Council for Research and Innovation Policy  
- Misha Teplitskiy, Ph.D., University of Michigan  
- Jonali Baruah, Ph.D., Tarleton State University  
- Melanie Brucks, Ph.D., Columbia Business School | Session 2—Virtual Frontiers: Transforming Conference Experiences with Immersive Technologies  
Moderator: Beth Jaworski, Ph.D., All of Us Research Program  
Panelists:  
- Anna Queiroz, Ph.D., Stanford University  
- Blair MacIntyre, Ph.D., J.P. Morgan Chase and Co.  
- Sun Joo (Grace) Ahn, Ph.D., The University of Georgia |
| 4:45 – 5:00 p.m. | Workshop Day 2 Summary and Closing  
Jessica Gowda, M.S., OBSSR, and Sydney O'Connor, Ph.D., OBSSR |                                                                                               |