

Inaugural NCURA-PKU Research Administration Symposium a Grand Success!

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NCURA's International Fellowship Program, which is now in its tenth year, was developed to increase global research collaboration by providing a method of knowledge exchange between research administrators around the world. To date, the program has granted fellowships to 54 NCURA members and has helped reduce and lower the barriers to international research collaboration.

NCURA member Shaofeng Fan, Division Chief for Overseas Projects, Office of Scientific Research at Peking University (PKU), and recipient of an NCURA International Fellowship in 2017, connected with NCURA's Global Department after which plans were made for NCURA to travel to Beijing, China in 2018 to present a global workshop during the 120th Anniversary of Peking University.

NCURA-PKU Symposium Program

The NCURA-PKU Research Administration Symposium had over 90 research administrators in attendance from throughout China. After the opening remarks by Qihuang Gong, Vice President of Research at Peking University, and Georgette Sakumoto, 2018 NCURA President, the workshop began with a session on Supporting the Science: Research Administrative Best Practices. The lead presenters were NCURA members Dave Richardson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Ara Tahmassian, Chief Compliance Officer, Office of the Vice Provost for Research, Harvard University, with additional speakers interspersed throughout the program to highlight global research collaborations.

In addition, NCURA member Agatha Keller, representing ETH Zurich, spoke on The Importance of International Research Collaboration and Science Diplomacy. NCURA Executive Director, Kathleen Larmett also presented a session on NCURA and the Importance of a Professional Association for Research Administrators, during which she

encouraged the audience to form their own associations.

Peking University was so pleased to jointly host this fantastic symposium with NCURA. Through a combination of lectures, case studies, and a discussion of best practices, this two-day symposium has provided an in-depth look at related issues about research administration, which not only serve as venues for forming research collaborations and partnerships but also enabling research administrators to develop their professional networks.

— Shaofeng Fan

All sessions during the first day of the workshop were moderated by Dr. Huiling Duan, Deputy Dean at the College of Engineering at Peking University. On the second day, the moderations were handled by Claire Chen, Manager of NCURA Global, who along with Shaofeng and the PKU's Office of Scientific Research, was also responsible for the development of this program.

Highlights of the NCURA-PKU Symposium

This symposium was truly a platform for sharing the best practices in research administration. Dr. Chun Liu, Deputy Director of the Division of Science and Technology at Tongji University said that during the workshop research resources such as the international research management flowchart were shared along with solutions for technology transfer in international research. He also felt that the resources provided would be of tremendous assistance in improving the quality of the research management system at Tongji University.

Apart from the workshop, NCURA's delegates had the opportunity to visit several institutions in Beijing, including the Chinese Academy of Sciences. They also traveled to Shanghai where they met with representatives from Fudan University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, and Tongji University.



Furthermore, Enago was also invited to present at the NCURA-PKU symposium. This session was conducted by Dr. Mingfang Lu, General Manager, Enago. Dr. Lu covered

key aspects that would help universities increase their research output and boost international collaborations. He also discussed practical solutions that would allow universities to set a standard for author education thereby helping its researchers develop a better understanding of the scholarly publishing industry.

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