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WHO'S AN AUTHOR?

Authorship and publishing dilemmas are the most common questions posed to LARI. These are complex topics and the moral distress can be quite painful for researchers. To prevent several types of authorship dilemmas, LARI has created a 2-minute video for students and research staff: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73RM46r55b4>

There are formal criteria for authors, and some people earn an acknowledgement instead of authorship. *When?* Watch the video for the answer.

If you still have questions and need help, please request an ethics consult: secretarygeneral@lari.lu

Update from the LARI Secretary General



LARI closed out 2018 with its annual Board Meeting and General Assembly meeting. During this time, we took care of administrative items, as well as appointed 3 new Board Members. LARI thanks Dr Fernnand Reinig for his recent service as a Board Member. The ethics consult service has been busy and we've also planned the annual meeting of LARI's Commission for Research Integrity. More research ethics workshops and seminars are also on the way for 1Q 2019.

LARI looks forward to working with you in 2019—please reach out when you need our help.

We wish you a successful New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katrina A. Bramstedt'.

Katrina A. Bramstedt, PhD
LARI Secretary General



MEET THE COACH

NICOLO [NICO] MACCAFERRI

Nico is a physicist and Post-Doc Research Assistant at the Univ of Luxembourg, Limpertsberg campus. His specialty areas are nanoscience & nano-optics and he speaks English, Italian, & Spanish. His PhD was awarded "Outstanding Cum Laude."

1. *What attracted you to the role of LARI Coach?* The possibility to share my enthusiasm for science and my passion for scientific research with younger scientists and students and try to help them to find the best path to perform their research in the most efficient, spontaneous and relaxed way.

2. *Favorite science or ethics journal:* No favorite, but I often read *Science* and *Nature* to understand a little bit where the overall scientific community (comprising all the branches of sciences, both scientific and humanistic) is going.

3. *Best piece of advice you could give to a researcher:* If you wake up every day and you feel thrilled to go to perform your research in the lab, then this is a real sign that you are doing the right job for you. Perform your research with passion, integrity and honesty. "The secret of success is to pass from a failure to the next one maintaining the enthusiasm (W. Churchill)."

4. *The most ethically challenging/complex aspect of scientific research currently:* The courage to perform research without cheating and doing science for people and for the society, in other words to improve human life. Another challenge is to perform excellent research without being biased by the scientific journals' visions about science and about the "hot" research topics. The latter should be chosen by scientists based on clear scientific visions (not a marketing mentality which can bias science). Also, as science is becoming more and more interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary and if we want to make real advances in all the research fields, we should be able to merge in a harmonic and



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elegant way the old knowledge, or what I call our background, with new one coming from other research fields.

5. *What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?* Recently, I discovered again the beauty of reading...I am really eating books of every kind, from spy-stories to philosophical, psychological and medical essays, from historical to fiction and political novels. Then I really like to hike with friends and eat excellent food...sometimes I enjoy also cooking. I have also found exciting to go to art exhibitions and to the theatre (mostly I go to concerts because I love all kinds of music).

6. *Is there something on your personal bucket list?* I would like to establish my own research line here in Luxembourg, hopefully at the University, since it has the real potential to become one of the best in the world; and also find some stability to create a family with my girlfriend. These are actually my priorities and I think that here we have the possibility to reach all our goals, so “let’s make it happen”.



Dr Thomas Kallstenius



Dr Ulf Nehrbass



Prof Jens Kreisel

3 New Board Members Join LARI

LARI recently welcomed 3 new Board Members. Joining Dr Marc Schiltz (FNR) and Prof Aline Muller (LISER) are: Dr Thomas Kallstenius, incoming CEO of LIST (Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology); Dr Ulf Nehrbass, CEO of LIH (Luxembourg Institute of Health); and Prof Jens Kreisel, Vice-Rector for Research, University of Luxembourg. LARI welcomes them and their contributions, supporting and promoting LARI.

LIH Research Ethics Workshop

25 January,

9am-noon

Register by

email to

Malou.Fraiture@lih.lu

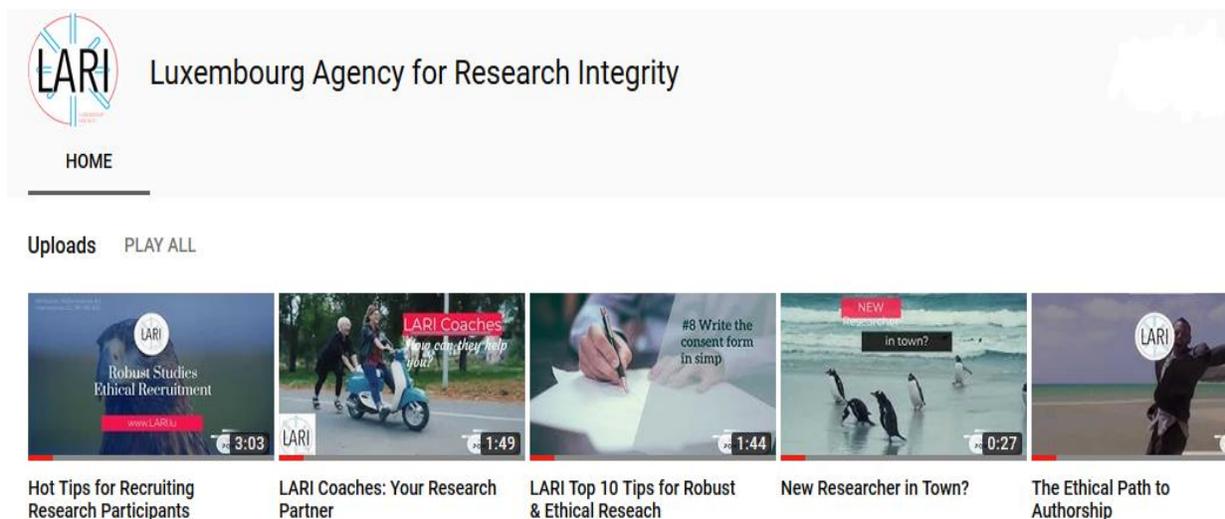


LARI IS NOW ON YOUTUBE

LOOKING FOR A QUICK ETHICS TRAINING VIDEO? LARI'S GOT THEM.

Subscribe to our channel and get all our updates:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbH-x6aONu4i-o9ZsES37cQ>





ETHICS CONSULTATION

IT'S FREE!

LARI CONSULT SERVICE & REGISTRY

Faced with an ethical dilemma in the design or conduct of your research? Need some advice?

LARI provides a free, ethics consult service to researchers of all levels (Faculty, staff, students) who are affiliated with its member organizations: University of Luxembourg, LISER, LIST, LIH, and FNR.

During a consult your dilemma is analyzed by a bioethicist (LARI Secretary General, Dr. Katrina Bramstedt) and potential solutions are posed in a written consult report. Consults are part of a registry for QI and research

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25758372>

It's easy to request a consult. Just contact LARI at

secretarygeneral@lari.lu



LARI's Advice for Study Recruiting

Recruiting research participants is a key part of studies – if the method is not well-designed, the result can be discouraging (slow recruitment, dropouts, participant complaints). LARI has created a 3-minute YouTube video to help researchers plan their recruitment strategy:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-c6s2Y2CFk0&t=1s>



Worried about Plagiarism? It's Preventable.



The USA's Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has created a tip sheet of advice for researchers. They provide 28 items of guidance including paraphrasing, citing, and sentence structure. Bookmark the link:

<https://ori.hhs.gov/plagiarism-0>

COMING EVENTS

RESEARCH/SCIENCE EVENTS IN LUXEMBOURG



**Open Data Seeking Re-Users, Episode 1, On the Road Again
Workshop: Addressing Mobility and Transport Issues in Luxembourg
25 Jan, 9:30am – noon**



The workshop includes a roundtable exploring 1) Continuity of traffic: Management of road networks in case of major crisis; 2) Safer roads: predictive model for road accidents and safety, correlation link between material accidents and personal injuries.

<https://www.list.lu/en/event/open-data-seeking-re-users-episode-1-on-the-road-again/>

**Forum Z: Who's Afraid of the Digital?
31 Jan, 4pm – 7pm**

House of Startups
9, rue du Laboratoire



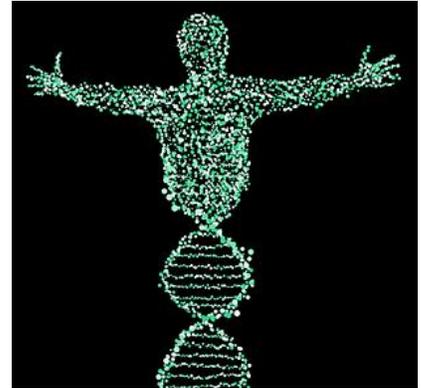
This is a hands-on fair for all ages, as well as a discussion café, exploring the impact of the digital transformation of society in both education and research.

<https://www.c2dh.uni.lu/forum-z/whos-afraid-digital>

Good Scientific Practice

Belval, Jan 31 & Feb 1
(full!)

Kirchberg, Feb 4 & 5
(14 seats open!)

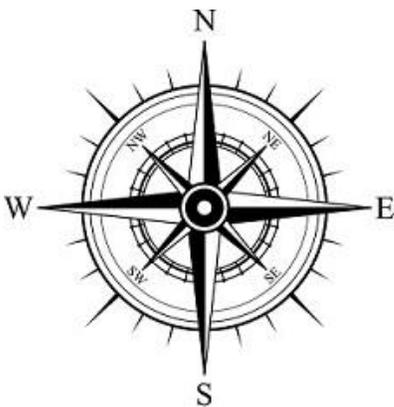


Are you a new researcher? **Ethics training is required** but don't despair, it's fun because we use the CAPRI approach (<https://lari.lu/lari-services/researcher-training/>)! Details about the GSP course are available at this link:

https://wwwfr.uni.lu/content/download/111792/1318761/file/Transferable_Skills_Course_Description_Winter_Semester_2018_2019.pdf

How to register:

- You are a LARI Coach? Contact the training officer, Anne Bégué anne.begue@uni.lu
- You are a uni.lu doctoral candidate? register on [Moodle](#)
- You are an external doctoral candidate?
 - First, register at Uni.lu following the [process for external doctoral candidates](#);
 - Then, register on [Moodle](#)



Finding LARI

LARI is located at 6, avenue des Hauts-Fourneaux, in Esch-sur-Alzette (near the basketball court). Bus #15 stops at our front door.

Website: www.LARI.lu



<https://twitter.com/LARIluxembourg>



<https://www.linkedin.com/company/11853217>

