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## **Press Release**

### **HFRI participated in the 8th World Conference on Research Integrity (WCRI 2024)**

The Hellenic Foundation in Research and Innovation (HFRI) had the pleasure to participated as an exhibitor in the 8th World Conference on Research Integrity (WCRI 2024), which took place from Sunday, 2 June 2024 to Wednesday, 5 June 2024, at the Megaron Athens International Conference Centre. The WCRI was co-organized by the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (EKPA) and the WCRI Foundation (WCRIF). The Vice President of the Scientific Council (SC) of HFRI, Professor Konstantinos Haritidis was co-chair of WCRI2024.

A large number of researchers, policy makers, experts, research funders and publishers of scientific papers came to Athens on the occasion of WCRI 2024, and under the theme "Catalysing the translation of research into trustworthy policy and innovation" participated in presentations and discussions on the credibility of research.

HFRI's participation in the World Congress on Research Integrity underlines the importance that the Foundation attaches to the promotion of research integrity and to the support of initiatives, at national and international level, that facilitate the development of relevant policy. During WCRI 2024, HFRI had the opportunity to inform about its mission and present the achievements and impact of its Actions. In the fruitful discussions with the participants, it was evident how important credible research in all Sciences is, highlighting the critical role of the global research community in strengthening society's trust in science.

The President of HFRI's SC, Professor Xenia Chrysochoou noted that: *"At a time when public opinion questions the credibility of institutions, including the scientific community, such conferences are particularly important because they show the sensitivity of the scientific community around issues of research integrity and credibility. It is particularly important that this message reaches society. The participation of the HFRI in such an event demonstrates the importance that the Foundation attaches to ethical issues as, since its inception, HFRI has been striving to create an institution that enjoys the trust of the Greek research community for the integrity of its evaluations and the management of research resources based on scientific curiosity in terms of quality, without geographical and thematic limitations. We are proud of HFRI's journey and our participation in the 8th World Congress on Research Integrity is a testament to our values"*.

*"The field of Research Integrity represents a knowledge framework that aims to codify good practices to promote the production and publication of reliable research results. Hosting the 8th World Congress on Research Integrity in Athens was a great honor and an excellent opportunity to inform the Greek research community, as well as the stakeholders directly linked to science and innovation in our country, regarding the discussions on issues related to the credibility of scientific research. The promotion of Research Integrity is possible through the recognition and acceptance that initiatives such as the World Conferences are linked to the responsibility of the research community towards societies, but also to the deepening of societies' trust in science in general"*, said Professor Konstantinos Haritidis, Vice-President of HFRI's SC and co-chair of WCRI2024.

**Please find relevant photos attached.**

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## **About HFRI**

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (HFRI) was established (Law 4429/2016) in response to the vital need for supporting Greek scientists. It is a legal person governed by private law, monitored by the Ministry of Development. HFRI aims to promote research and innovation in the country. In particular, it aims to evaluate and fund unrestricted research, namely research activities, research infrastructure and their technological applications, arising from scientific curiosity, without any thematic exclusions or geographical limitations, having scientific quality and excellence as a sole criterion.

