



Eurodoc Wishes a Happy New Year!

We at Eurodoc thank you for your support during this extraordinary year and wish you a happy new year. May 2021 bring seeds of hope and offer inspiration, motivation and opportunities to early career researchers and the scientific community at large.

Eurodoc President Giulia Malaguarnera,
Eurodoc Board and all members of Eurodoc Secretariat.



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Eurodoc News

Hard Times: Eurodoc and the Struggle for ECRs in 2020



As 2020 came to an end, Eurodoc reflected on its advocacy work to improve the conditions for early career researchers (ECRs). Due to the pandemic, the pre-existing financial, mental health and career challenges for ECRs were amplified, making our work more vital than ever before. Find out how Eurodoc worked to illuminate the path for ECRs during challenging times in 2020 [here](#).

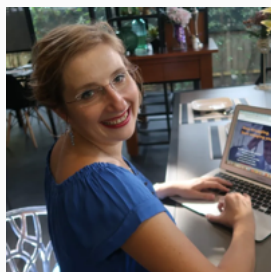
Overworking, Impostor Syndrome, and Ableism: A Reflection on "Normality" in Academia



Eurodoc Equality Working Group draws attention to an important issue in academic culture and invites us to shift our perspective away from a disability-centred

focus to instead consider inherent normalisations in society. Read more [here](#).

Peer-to-Peer Support as an Effective Tool to Combat Mental Health issues in Academia



In her column for Eurodoc, Dr. Ewa Pluciennicka, CEO and Founder of “PhD Success”, underlines the importance of support from peers for ECRs. Read more [here](#).

Stakeholder & Partner News

Nature Podcast Covers the Critical Roadblock in Career Paths of ECRs Caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic



Nature Careers started [a podcast series](#) about career precarities faced by ECRs amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Eurodoc President Giulia Malaguarnera contributed to the episode about inherent career challenges and called for greater investments in the career development of ECRs. Find the episode [here](#).

“Perspectives on the New European Research Area From the University Sector”



As the progress to renew the European Research Area grows, the European University Association (EUA) released a new policy input, building on its previous views addressing the issues important to universities. Find the policy document [here](#).

Open Research Europe Accepts Article Submissions



The Open Access publishing platform Open Research Europe will cover research in all fields. Publications are free of cost for beneficiaries of Horizon 2020 and

Horizon Europe. Read more about ORE [here](#) and check out the submission guidelines [here](#).

Upcoming Events

2021 EUA-CDE Thematic Workshop on Artificial Intelligence, Data Management and the Digital World Of Doctoral Education



21-22 January 2021

Each year, the EUA-Council for Doctoral Education (EUA-CDE) organises [a thematic workshop](#) to discuss emerging issues related to doctoral education. This year's EUA-CDE workshop aims to deliberate the use and influence of digitalisation on doctoral education and discuss the training- and skills needs for doctoral candidates. Read more and register [here](#).

Call for Session Proposals for SciDataCon 2021



Deadline: 31 March 2021

In the modern world, data has become a critical resource that drives science and technology, giving way to innovation and growth. Scientific Data Conference (SciDataCon) is part of the [International Data Week](#) (IDW 2021) and calls for proposals for sessions centred around the theme of “Data to Improve the World”. Find more information on the [SciDataCon 2021 website](#).



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