

STM bolsters research integrity and Open Science with new hires

STM (The International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers) today announced the appointment of Dr. Joris van Rossum as Director, Research Integrity and Lucy Derges as Policy and Research Manager.

Joris will be supporting and coordinating STM's research integrity and data programs whilst Lucy will be assisting the STM membership by monitoring, researching and commenting on current policy developments – particularly focussing on STM's commitment to Open Science. Both newly introduced roles will reinforce integral components of STM's mission to advance trusted research.

Joris van Rossum brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to STM. He worked for several leading companies and organizations across the STM publishing space, including Digital Science and Elsevier, where he initiated and led a variety of important innovations within the research and publishing ecosystem. During 2020, he managed STM's Research Data Year and the Peer Review Taxonomy project which he will continue to lead in his new role. Joris has an academic background in biology and a PhD in philosophy.

Speaking of his appointment, Joris said: "The need for accuracy, clarity and integrity in research is of pivotal importance, especially now in these times of a health crisis. I am confident that publishers will take important steps in securing and advancing the trust in research, and I am delighted to play a role in this on behalf of STM."

Lucy Derges has held a varied career, having worked in the global optical media industry, the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Medical Research Council. She holds a BScEcon (hons) in International Politics from Aberystwyth University and is currently completing an MA in Publishing Studies at Oxford Brookes University.

Lucy said: "I am excited to be joining the team at STM and to be investigating complex issues that really matter to its members. I look forward to getting to know the membership and working closely with them to support STM's mission."

Ian Moss, STM's CEO added: "STM is continually expanding our efforts to ensure that the wider sharing of research data and the adoption of leading-edge tools continues to enhance research integrity. Similarly, publishers strive to empower researchers to make their work as widely available as possible, and we are continually working to support a more open environment to ensure that research is read, validated, critiqued and built upon. I am delighted that Joris and Lucy will be joining our team to further support these important efforts."