



13th EASE Conference | Strasbourg 2016

Day Four
13th June

The Alsace Almanac

One final missive

We could not complete the conference without one, final, newsletter to summarise the events of Sunday, and giving our home for three days a proper send off of sorts.

EASE would like to say a big thank you to all the plenary speakers for such compelling lectures, the parallel session groups for putting together engaging and entertaining sets of talks, and of course, all our members and delegates for your questions, contributions and of course, attendance at the event.

We would be delighted to welcome you to Bucharest for our 14th General Assembly in 2018. We look forward to seeing you there



Top Tweets

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[@JHeditor](#) So why do you want to be a peer reviewer? [@Mario_Malicki](#) and [@mehmanib](#) asked the question #EASEstras #PEERE

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[@pippasmart](#) Taxonomy of whistleblowers #EASEstras

[@sharmanedit](#) #EASEstras Steffens: having clear policies and procedures on journal website helps reduce appeals and complaints enormously

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Poster Prizes

The final act of the conference, was the awarding of four prizes for the best Poster Presentations.



The Lancet award for best medical poster was won by Abdlreza Norouzy for his group's abstract "*Exploring the attitudes of medical faculty members in Iran towards research misconduct.*" Second prize in this category was awarded to Shelly Pranic "Use of medical terminologies to describe adverse event terms in clinical trials"

The Annals of Botany award for best non-medical poster was won by Valerie Matarese, for her abstract "*Supporting research writing in non-Anglophone contexts: role of language professionals.*"



All abstracts will be accessible on the [EASE website](#) very soon!

Final Facts!

The answer to yesterday's teaser was...the Statue of Liberty!

And some bonus fun facts about the region for you!

US President, Harry Truman, started as a young American officer training for trench warfare in Alsace and fought his first battles on the ridges of the Vosges.

Bugatti made luxury pre-war car engines in the 1930s in Molsheim, west of Strasbourg.

Louis Frederick Schutzenberger, was born in Strasbourg in the 1800's, while Alsace was a French province, so earns a rank as one of French Master for works such as "The Drowsy Bacchante"

Plenary review Boris Barbour| PubPeer

The final plenary of the conference was given by Barbour, revisiting the themes of integrity and misconduct from backstage at PubPeer — a website through which users can attach published articles through DOI linking, and leave comments, highlight issues and instigate debate around subjects. Barbour is well positioned to analyse trends in the reporting of questionable articles, and divided his talk into two halves. The first gave an overview of some of the forms of misconduct apparent in science and the way in which the community responds to it. He commented on the disincentives researchers are faced with, when it comes to avoiding or reporting misconduct of any kind, and used an interesting chart to illustrate the obstacles to self-correction. He presented slides on the efficacy of anonymity in helping PubPeer reach over 50,000 comments across 2,200 journals.

The second half of his talk was more experientially-oriented, incorporating manipulated figures discussed on PubPeer, and some of his more personal opinions on themes of reporting, accountability and open science. He suggested that a less punitive culture needs to develop, to promote a greater willingness for self-regulation, and correction.

