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Dear Colleagues,

We would like to invite you to participate in the Workshop entitled "Towards an open and sustainable science - A model of Responsible Research and Innovation in the Biosciences", which will be held at the UNESCO headquarter in Paris, France on 19 March 2019.

The workshop is organized in the framework of the EU funded STARBIOS2 project (<https://starbios2.eu/>) with the support of UNESCO. It is aimed at discussing the structural practices needed to promote Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) within bioscience in 9 European and international research organizations

RRI is an approach to research and innovation launched by the European Union. A definitive character of RRI is the promotion of an approach that anticipates and assesses potential implications and societal expectations with regard to research and innovation, with the aim to foster the design of inclusive and sustainable research and innovation. One of the objectives of the STARBIOS2 project is to produce experience-based knowledge on how to make such an approach a common practice within research organizations, especially in the biosciences.

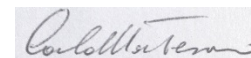
The workshop, will begin at 10.30 am on 19 March 2019. It will be organized in two sessions. The first one is dedicated to a general discussion on the themes of responsibility and sustainability within scientific research and innovation, particularly in the biosciences. The second session will be dedicated to the discussion of a model on RRI in the Biosciences that is being produced in the framework of the STARBIOS2 project. The document, herewith attached, outlines the main characteristics of a Model for facilitating the practice of RRI and the related structural change within the research organizations in the biosciences. The attendants of the workshop are expected to provide their point of view on the document and on the issues discussed.

Kindly indicate your confirmation to attend to Dr Carla Montesano, Assistant Professor of General Pathology and Immunology, Coordinator of H2020-STARBIOS2 project and UNESCO Chair in Biotechnology and Bioethics. Her contact is the following: [montesano@uniroma2.it](mailto:montesano@uniroma2.it), telephone number: +39 06 72594237.

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