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COGR's Web Page on Institutional and Agency Responses to COVID-19 and Additional Resources (Including COGR's FAQs)

*****Institutional policy links and COVID19 questions can be sent to COVID19@cogr.edu.***

5/11/20: Virus Collaborations Could Create Messy Patent Questions

(Bloomberg Law) *Researchers' sprint to collaborate on vaccines and treatments for Covid-19 may lead them to overlook precautions they normally would take to stake out ownership of intellectual property. That may heighten the risk of fights between one-time partners over possibly lucrative discoveries once the pandemic subsides. <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/pharma-and-life-sciences/virus-collaborations-could-create-messy-patent-questions>*

5/10/20: U.S. to Accuse China of Trying to Hack Vaccine Data, as Virus

Redirects Cyberattacks (New York Times) *The F.B.I. and the Department of Homeland Security are preparing to issue a warning that China's most skilled hackers and spies are working to steal American research in the crash effort to develop vaccines and treatments for the coronavirus. The efforts are part of a surge in cybertheft and attacks by nations seeking advantage in the pandemic. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/10/us/politics/coronavirus-china-cyber-hacking.html>*

5/10/20: Another casualty of the coronavirus: scientific research (Boston

Globe) *With much of the world still shut down, the coronavirus has hampered the painstaking work of many scientists whose findings rely on regularly collected data and seasonal experiments. The loss of that work — much of which can't be replicated or done at another time — could have a long-lasting impact on scientists' understanding of everything from the warming of our oceans to the demise of certain species. <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/05/10/metro/another-casualty-virus-scientific-research/>*

5/10/20: If Colleges Are Businesses, Why Not Run Them That Way?

(Forbes) *Beyond their roles in educating students, creating and disseminating knowledge, and preparing graduates to be successful, colleges are businesses. With research parks, hospitals, online and executive education, real estate and property management, foundations and investment arms, satellite and international campuses, intellectual property, and even on-campus hotels and conference centers, big universities can be big business. Then why are colleges and universities not run as such?* <https://www.forbes.com/sites/davidrosowsky/2020/05/10/if-colleges-are-businesses-why-not-run-them-that-way/#25fb31075602>

5/8/20: In pursuit of open science, open access is not enough (Science) *After decades of debate on the feasibility of open access (OA) to scientific publications, we may be nearing a tipping point. A number of recent developments, such as Plan S, suggest that OA upon publication could become the default in the sciences within the next several years. Despite uncertainty about the long-term sustainability of OA models, many publishers who had been reluctant to abandon the subscription business model are showing openness to OA*

(1). <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/368/6491/574>