

# COGR News Digest

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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](mailto:COVID19@cogr.edu).**

**5/18/20: Open-access science funders announce price transparency rules for publishers (Science)** *Science journals will have to disclose the costs of publishing articles in order for them to be paid for by a coalition of research funders pushing for open access. The price transparency rules, which will take effect in July 2022, were announced today by cOAlition S, a group of 22 international organizations, European national research agencies, and foundations. In 2018, cOAlition S launched a scheme called Plan S that will require grantees' work, beginning in January 2021, to be open access, meaning it can be read immediately upon publication, free of charge. One route to accomplish this is for authors to pay journals a fee for each article published this way.* <https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/05/open-access-science-funders-announce-price-transparency-rules-publishers> See also: **Open-Access Publishing and the Coronavirus (Inside Higher Ed)** <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2020/05/15/coronavirus-may-be-encouraging-publishers-pursue-open-access>

**5/18/20: Learning to love virtual conferences in the coronavirus era (Nature)** *COVID-19 has provided an opportunity to rethink the scientific conference. If online meetings become the norm, how can researchers make the most of them?* <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-01489-0>

**5/15/20: Cleveland Clinic Researcher Fired for Financial Ties to China (Bloomberg Law)** *The Cleveland Clinic said Friday it fired a researcher accused of taking money from China while also receiving millions in NIH grant money. "Cleveland Clinic takes seriously its obligations to be a good steward of*

*the federal research funds entrusted to us,” the academic medical center said in a statement. The move comes one day after the Department of Justice announced the **arrest** of Qing Wang, who was charged with false claims and wire fraud related to more than \$3.6 million in grant funding from the National Institutes of Health. His research **includes** work on the molecular mechanisms of irregular heartbeats. <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/pharma-and-life-sciences/cleveland-clinic-researcher-fired-for-financial-ties-to-china?context=search&index=7>*

**5/15/20: As labs move to reopen, safety worries abound (Science)** *The coronavirus pandemic has wreaked havoc on science, shuttering laboratories, aborting field projects, and costing researchers months—if not years—of work. Now, as many national and local governments ease lockdown restrictions, some lab- and fieldwork is starting to resume. But most labs will have to operate with just a few individuals at a time, working in shifts. All large gatherings, including lab meetings and lectures, are likely to be prohibited. And many institutions are still trying to figure out how and whether to test employees for SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus causing the current pandemic, and what to do if infections resurge. <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/368/6492/690>*

**5/14/20: The Case Against Reopening (The Chronicle)** *We all want to be back on campus. But when it comes to plans for the fall, there’s only one right decision. <https://www.chronicle.com/article/The-Case-Against-Reopening/248785> See also: **The Hard Truth About the Fall (The Chronicle)** [https://www.chronicle.com/article/The-Hard-Truth-About-the-Fall/248793?cid=wcontentlist\\_hp\\_5](https://www.chronicle.com/article/The-Hard-Truth-About-the-Fall/248793?cid=wcontentlist_hp_5)*

**5/14/20: House Democrats include research dollars in latest pandemic relief package (Science, Update, H.R. 6800 passed the House late Friday 5/15)** *By week’s end the Democrat-led U.S. House of Representatives hopes to approve another massive coronavirus relief package. For U.S. scientists, the good news is that the \$3 trillion spending bill (**H.R. 6800**) unveiled last night contains billions of dollars in new research funding. The bad news is that the bill is only a marker for negotiations with Senate Republicans and the White House on what more the federal government should do to help the country deal with the devastating economic and health effects of the pandemic. <https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/05/house-democrats-include-research-dollars-latest-pandemic-relief-package>*