SLIS Faculty News

Science of Science Management - Talk Video Cast

"The Science of Science Management strives to systematically study NIH’s management of biomedical research... for the improvement of public health." [NIH website]

SLIS faculty member Katy Börner will give an invited talk at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) main campus in Bethesda, Maryland. Her presentation is a part of the Science of Science Management Meeting (October 2-3, 2008) organized by the NIH Office of Portfolio Analysis and Strategic Initiatives (OPASI). Börner's talk will be a part of the session on "Knowledge Discovery/Management" on Friday, October 3rd.

NIH Video Cast
Due to growth of interest in the meeting, the NIH is making it available via videocast. "To access the meeting go to http://videocast.nih.gov and click on Today's Events. Locate the title 'NIH Science of Science Management Meeting' to watch the live event. Also, the videocasts will be available for viewing after the meeting at the site under Past Events."

Meeting Purpose
"The Science of Science Management October meeting will create a forum to initiate the systematic research of science management issues, with a focus on providing evidence-based information for executives, scientists, practitioners, individuals, and policy decision-makers. The evaluation of science has been problematic, due to the complexities of the research and development process because of unknown timeframes, costs and products. Shifting the focus to science management may foster more appropriate research and development (R&D) performance assessments, develop schemas and models for benchmarking, and build the capacity to systematically research science management topics. These results can be used to foster evidence-based decision making. Seemingly, not one discipline, nor tool, can appropriately assess science management. Therefore, NIH is creating a venue for cross-talk between multi-disciplined experts in the fields of evaluation, social and behavioral sciences, economics, organization/systems theory, information technology, and science policy, as well as with NIH science staff. The goal of this collaborative effort is to produce assessment models that can be researched and tested post meeting.

A core element of the meeting will be the four simultaneous, closed session breakout discussions, which align with the conceptual model of the meeting. Each breakout discussions
will focus on a single priority question in order to create a feasible cross-disciplinary assessment model. The discussions will be lead by NIH Institute Directors with the participation of invited experts and a cross-section of key NIH staff. This collaborative effort is likely to result in a proposed assessment model that can be tested. The results can provide evidence-based information for decision makers to plan or to create policy." [meeting website]

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