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# THE ELSEVIER FOUNDATION

We'd like to share some of our latest Elsevier Foundation milestones with you as we create an exciting community of tech-enabled partnerships in diversity, health and research. But, before this, we'd like to give a big thank you to our Elsevier Foundation Board and partner community. For us, it's all about working together to find those synergies across our partnerships: sharing best practice, embedding technology and tapping expertise within Elsevier, so we can achieve more together.



*Ylann Schemm, Director of the Elsevier Foundation*

Hot off the press: we just announced the winners of the Elsevier Foundation-ISC3 Green & Sustainable Chemistry Challenge.



The winning proposals were awarded on May 8th during the [Green and Sustainable Chemistry Conference](#) in Dresden, Germany. The first prize was awarded to Dr Ramia Albakain, University of Jordan, for a proposal on green wastewater treatment. The second prize winner is Dr Ankur Patwardhan, Abasaheb Garware College, for a green solution for ecosystem balance. The third prize, "Entrepreneurial Spirit Award", offered by our partners ISC3, went to Mario Alejandro Heredia Salgado from Aveiro University in Portugal. [Read their stories.](#)

In April, we convened our Board, pulling in their strategic insights and welcoming Dr Yuko

Harayama, former Executive Member of the Council for Science and Technology Policy in the Cabinet Office of Japan, as our newest member. We also launched new partnerships with Girls Inc. of New York City with a data analytics program for teens; The ITEM, creating inclusive tech employment pathways in Philadelphia and COACH's Water First! Workshops for African women scientists.



### Pre-G3: The Elsevier Foundation Data Analytics Preparatory Program

Over the past four years, [Girls Inc of New York City](#) has introduced hundreds of high school girls in grades 10 to 12 to the field of data analytics. However, the demand for more programming, serving more girls at an even earlier age, is at an all-time high. Elsevier Foundation partnered with Girls Inc to launch [Pre-G3: The Elsevier Foundation Data Analytics Preparatory Program](#), a first-of-its-kind introduction to data analytics for girls as young as 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



### 2019 Elsevier Foundation Board Meeting

On the 8th of April, we held our 2019 meeting with our [Board of Directors](#). This is an important annual meeting to take stock of our partnerships, further refine our strategy, assess our progress, hear from key partners, and explore future program ideas. In the words of the Elsevier Foundation President, YS Chi, "Working with our partners, we have re-engineered our programs to harness the power of technology for diverse research ecosystems and global health." Our Board Report is available [on our website](#).

In March, we collaborated with the Africa Health Agenda International Conference in Rwanda and experts from Amref, MSF/Epicentre, the International Finance Corporation, and the African Journal Partnership Program to deliver capacity building workshops, and a panel on catalysing tech health tech solutions in Africa and a Research without Borders volunteer workshop.



### Joining forces with ISC3 on the Green & Sustainable Chemistry Challenge panel at UN Science Policy Business Forum

The Elsevier Foundation joined the International Sustainable Chemistry Collaborative Centre (ISC3) on their panel "Driving Transformative Innovation Through Sustainable Chemistry" at the UN Science Policy Business forum held at [UNEA 4](#) in Nairobi from the 8-10<sup>th</sup> of March.



### Africa Health Agenda International Conference

From March 5 to 7 in Kigali, Rwanda, Amref Health Africa and the Rwandan Ministry of Health conveyed the [Africa Health Agenda International Conference](#). The Elsevier Foundation organized a panel on African-driven tech healthcare solutions, and Elsevier colleagues delivered research capacity building workshops, a panel discussion on moving from research to policy, and a workshop on [multilingualism in research](#).

### Research without Borders Workshop

Our colleague [Patreece Spence](#) travelled to Kampala to help [African Health Sciences](#) journal. While there, she came to understand some of the challenges faced by the journal. Using Scopus and Scival, she tackled an issue that significantly delays



the editorial process and impedes productivity. You can read more about her experience in her [NonSolus article](#).

In **February**, we kicked off the year by recognizing new talents with the OWSD-Elsevier Foundation Awards for Early-Career Women Scientists in the Developing World and by joining forces with a new partner for the Green & Sustainable Chemistry Challenge.



### OWSD-Elsevier Foundation Awards for Early-Career Women Scientists in the Developing World

During a special ceremony at the AAAS annual meeting in Washington DC, 5 early-career women researchers from Bangladesh, Bolivia, Nigeria, Nepal and Palestine [have been recognized](#) for their outstanding work in the biological sciences. Through the disciplines of environmental microbiology, ethnobotany, clinical paediatrics and epidemiology, these researchers have found ingenious ways to improve the lives and livelihoods of people in their communities and beyond. Read the story of one of the winners [here](#).



### Joining forces with ISC3 on the Green & Sustainable Chemistry Challenge

[ISC3 has become Elsevier Foundation's newest partner](#) signing a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) to collaborate on the Challenge through capacity and community building in the field of green and sustainable chemistry in developing and emerging countries.



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