Science Breakfast – September 2013 – Graham Harrison – National Science Foundation

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Graham M. Harrison, Ph.D., Program Officer in the Office of International Science and Engineering (OISE) at the National Science Foundation, joined by Dr. Rainer Gruhlich, Program Officer in the Division International Affairs at the German Research Foundation (DFG), will address the Science Diplomats Club on Thursday September 4, 2013 from 8am to 10am at the Embassy of France.

Graham Harrison and Rainer Gruhlich will talk about the Global Research Council, a virtual organization launched in May 2012, comprised of the heads of science and engineering funding agencies from around the world, dedicated to promoting the sharing of data and best practices for high-quality collaboration among funding agencies worldwide.

About the speakers:

Graham M. Harrison, Ph.D.
Graham Harrison is a Program Officer in the Office of International and Integrative Activities at the National Science Foundation. He has been at NSF since January 2009. Prior to joining NSF, he served on the faculty of the Department of Chemical Engineering at Clemson University in South Carolina. He earned a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and performed postdoctoral research at the University of Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Harrison was a key organizer of the Global Summit on Merit Review, which was held in Washington in May 2012. He serves as the Executive Secretary of the Global Research Council (GRC) Governing Board. The GRC provides a forum for the Heads of Research Councils from around the world to address common issues and to endorse principles that will foster multilateral research cooperation. In OIIA/ISE, he focuses on building cooperation between NSF funded researchers and their counterparts in Europe.

Dr. Rainer Gruhlich
Rainer Gruhlich heads the section on North America within the Division International Affairs at the German Research Foundation (DFG), where he also served as coordinator of the DFG’s activities with regard to GRC Annual Global Meeting held in May 2013 in Berlin, Germany. Rainer has been engaged in the promotion of academic exchange and international research cooperation for almost fifteen years. He will be joining us for our Science Breakfast, coming from San Francisco, where he attended the annual meeting of the German Academic International Network (GAIN). Prior to joining DFG in July 2012, he held a position as program director for strategic planning and external relations at the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. He earned his doctorate in modern history from the University of Tübingen, holds a master’s degree from the University of Oxford, and spent an extended period of time at Tufts University and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Medford, MA).