

Newsletter of the NLRN - May 2024



Focus Areas, Symposium and a growing network

We are happy to announce that the network grew and gained three new partners: DANS, SURF and TU Delft joined the network formally over the last weeks. In this newsletter, we would like to share an important milestone with you: our four focus areas for the coming years. These focus areas are the product of our discussions during the launch symposium and further iterations within the steering group and advisory board. You are invited to share your ideas and input on any of them! We would love to hear from you. Lastly, we are thrilled to announce the date for our annual symposium: It will take place at the UMC Groningen on 6 December. Save the date!

Our Four Focus Areas

We discovered very early on that there are more projects, pilots and connections related to reproducibility and replication than we can handle with our resources. The answer was: condense and focus! We are proud to present our four focus areas to you now. This is just a teaser summary of each area, you can find a full description of the focus areas on [our website](#):

Inventory of materials, efforts and projects aimed at increasing reproducibility and replication:

There is a large number of guidelines, handbooks and best practices available for researchers that are trying to work more reproducibly. The sheer number of materials can overwhelm and we will try to curate existing materials on our website.

Further collaboration with meta scientists in the Netherlands and beyond:

We aim to connect with meta scientists in NL and beyond as we believe that there are questions from the network that can be answered by metascientists and that there is relevant evidence from the metasciences that should be shared with our network.

Connecting researchers and research support – facilitating communication and collaboration:

Institutions are enabling reproducible work by providing support and training for researchers. We are interested in finding out how the uptake and acceptance of this support can be improved and are looking for collaborations on this topic.

Replication and Reproducibility in non-quantitative science and scholarship:

We want to include all types of scholarship and research into the reproducibility and replication debate. That's why we continue to reach out specifically to colleagues using non-quantitative methods to generate a broad and inclusive discussion.

Welcome to SURF and DANS!

We are welcoming two new external stakeholders to the network. SURF and DANS provide important infrastructure for reproducible science. We are looking forward to working together on making institutions reproducibility ready.

Welcome TU Delft!

TU Delft is joining the network as third formal institutional member. We are thrilled to welcome a Technical University to our network which will increase the diversity of the type of scholarship represented in the network by including design and engineering sciences.

New blog posts: Data free studies and reproducibility advocates

Two NLRN steering group members wrote blogposts: Hans van Eyghen sketches his ideas of how reproducible scholarship can look like in [data-free studies](#), such as philosophy. Tamarinde Haven calls on all researchers to find their [reproducibility advocates](#), such as data managers or research software engineers and make use of their expertise. You can find our NLRN blog [here](#). Do you have a blog idea on a reproducibility topic but no outlet yet? Please [get in touch](#), we gladly host guest authors on our blog!

NLRN Symposium, 6 December 2024

Save the date for our symposium on 6 December in Groningen. There are some key elements from the launch symposium that we would like to keep, such as an **interdisciplinary audience and program**. We will also keep a workshop program in the afternoon to give you as audience a say in the **reproducibility debate** and how to foster more reproducible practices in your research domain. Please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in **contributing to the program**! We are open for suggestions, especially if they relate to one of the four focus areas mentioned above.

New MOOC: Practices and tools for managing computations and data

In this MOOC (Massive Open Online Courses), you will learn how to improve your practices for managing large data and complex computations in controlled software environments. You will learn how to use formats like JSON, FITS, and HDF5, and tools like git-annex, docker, singularity, guix, make, and snakemake. The training also shows you how to integrate them in a real-life use case, namely a sunspot detection study. This MOOC is developed by a team of French research software engineers and supported by Inria. Find the full course description and registration form [here](#). The MOOC will start on 16 May 2024!

Upcoming Events

Register now!

30 May 2024: [CODECHECK event in Delft \(Engineering focus\)](#)

31 May 2024: [PYMS meeting for young metascientists in Tilburg](#)

Network Partner events:

every second Thursday of the month: [NRIN Happy Hour webinar](#)

2-5 June: [World Conference on Research Integrity](#)

Save the date:

22 October 2024: [Open Science Festival, Maastricht](#)

25 October 2024: [NRIN Symposium, Utrecht](#)

8 November 2024: [Recognition and Rewards Festival](#)

6 December 2024: [NLRN Symposium, Groningen](#)

Meta- Science News

- New [report from Knowledge Exchange](#). They suggest a framework to assess how reproducibility ready research organisations are.
- You can still register for the PYMS (Platform for Young Meta Scientists) meeting on 31 May 24 in Tilburg. Please use this [link to register](#) and share this information with any young academic in the field (including interested research master students)!
- [Swiss Reproducibility Network Symposium](#) is coming up on June 10th and 11th in Zurich
- Registration for [MetaRep in Munich](#) from 28 to 30 October will open soon!

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