Closing remarks

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What is EUROHORCs?

- EUROHORCs is the European association of
  - Heads of public Research Funding Organisations
  - Heads of public Research Performing Organisations
EUROHORCs objectives

- To enhance the role of the national research funding and research performing organisations in Europe through
  - a platform for discussions
  - joint activities
  - influence on European research policy
Why is this conference important for EUROHORCs?

• Around 25 bEuro of *public money*
• Built on public confidence in research
• Every case of misconduct is a serious threat to a fundamental foundation of science – *funding*

• **Pro-activity:** understand the mechanisms behind unethical behaviour
• **Reactivity:** transparent, trusted and “easy-to-explain” systems to handle the few cases that occur
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• Known that plagiarism among university students increases
  – “Research tasks” in primary school
  – The use of internet is stimulated at all levels
  – Apparent lack of knowledge how to use references

• Training necessary at all levels
What to do?

• National solutions
• Research is international – interface problems has to be solved (definitions, exchange of information, etc)
• ESF and EC have important roles
A final word.

- Every case is unique...

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Galileo Galilei

"E pur si muove!"