



Press release

Scientists set up an international alliance to promote science culture

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At a kick-off meeting organized today in Beijing by National Academy of Innovation Strategy (NAIS), CAST, scientists from 11 countries¹ agreed to join forces in an international alliance to define, measure and promote science culture globally. The WISE alliance (World Investigation in Science Culture) will seek resources to launch an international survey of science culture.

Science culture is a key factor that supports research, innovation and science values (such as respect for evidence and trust in scientific expertise).

All countries involved in WISE are conducting on a regular basis surveys to assess national average and trends in public's science literacy/culture. However, few international approaches exist currently. Scientists present in Beijing agreed to cooperate to promote an international and coherent approach to measure science culture in a coordinated way, which will allow comparative detailed analysis and evolution monitoring.

“Today, science is undervalued, said a WISE spokesperson, Michel Claessens. In some countries, there is growing mistrust in scientific expertise. By creating this alliance, scientists want to stress to importance of science culture and also to support the efforts of their respective government by sharing best practices and working together on the definition and measurement of science culture.”

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