

# 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



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- 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 EUROHORCSs?

- 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

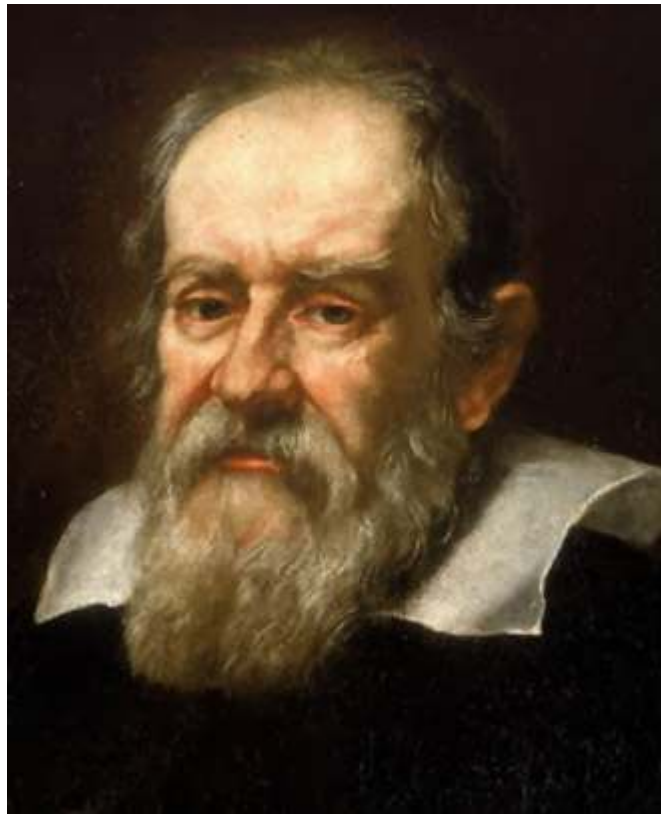


# What to do?

- 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!”