

2021: Impact of science – during and after the pandemic

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This is the first 2021 newsletter from OSIRIS – the Oslo Institute for Research on the Impact of Science – a centre targeting the use and users of research in society supported by the Research Council of Norway. We give you some snapshots of our work the last years with links to more information. Our [web pages](#) are currently undergoing a major upgrade, but they contain a lot of detailed information about our publications, presentations and activities.

OSIRIS during the pandemic

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, there has been a great deal of activity in OSIRIS during the past year. The partners have had weekly digital meetings where the participants have presented ongoing research and worked together during “shut up and write” sessions on Zoom. And with the [impact of science being seen, felt, and discussed in new ways following the spread of covid-19](#), the OSIRIS team has been able to expand its work and begin investigating aspects of the pandemic.

Digital Eu-SPRI conference attracted 400 participants

OSIRIS researchers have participated in various digital events and conferences. In early June, [OSIRIS co-hosted the Eu-SPRI 2021 conference themed “Science and Innovation – an uneasy relationship?”](#) The digital format attracted a record number of participants presenting and discussing their work across three themes and 23 tracks.

OSIRIS receives funding for the remaining 3 years

During the fall of 2020 the Research Council of Norway appointed an international panel of expert to conduct [a midterm evaluation of the OSIRIS centre](#) The recommendation of the panel, which was adopted by the RCN bord of directors earlier in 2021, is that the centre continues. This resulted in OSIRIS receiving funding for the remaining 3 years.

What do the users of research want?

Is there a contradiction between quality and relevance? Do researchers emphasize originality and publication in prestigious journals, while users want easy-to-read and simple answers to practical questions? Findings from [a new, large survey among users of research in public agencies](#) indicate that users emphasize many of the same quality criteria as the researchers themselves.

New PhD candidate: Kristin Oxley

One new PhD candidate has joined the OSIRS team. Through her PhD project [Kristin](#)

[Oxley](#) will carry out observations of grant peer review panels in a selection of research funding agencies.

Most recent publications

Brasch, Cappelen, Hungnes and Skjerpen (2021) [Modeling R&D spillovers to productivity: The effects of tax credits](#)

Høiland and Klemsdal (2020) [Organizing professional work and services through institutional complexity – how institutional logics and differences in organizational roles matter](#)

Saidi, Thune and Bugge (2020) [Making 'hidden innovation' visible? A case study of an innovation management system in health care](#)

Nilsen, Raknerud and Iancu (2020), [Public R&D support and firm performance: A multivariate dose-response analysis](#)

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The Oslo Institute for Research on the Impact of Science (OSIRIS) was established in 2016. It is funded by the Forinnpol programme in the Research Council of Norway and will run for 8 years. The central questions of OSIRIS are: How can we characterise the process through which research makes an impact in society? Which preconditions are required for research to be put into use in industry, health and care, policymaking and other contexts? Partners: TIK Centre for Technology, Innovation and Culture (TIK), Manchester Institute of Innovation Research (MIIoIR), INGENIO (CSIC-UPV), Statistics Norway (SSB).