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Metrics top of the agenda in Question Time-style debate at *Naturejobs* Expo

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A Question Time-style debate about metrics will take place at the *Naturejobs* Career Conference, part of the *Naturejobs* Career Expo 2012. **Metrics: assessing and ranking excellence and impact** will be moderated by Nick Campbell, Executive Editor, *Nature* and Associate Director, Macmillan Science Communication. The ***Naturejobs* Career Expo 2012** will take place on 20 September 2012 at the Business Design Centre in Islington, London.

Speakers from the Times Higher Education, Research Excellence Framework, Thomson Reuters and Digital Science will answer questions about assessing and ranking excellence of institutions, countries, researchers and articles and the types of metrics and data sources that are used. They will discuss how this is changing, in the context of amendments to the Research Excellence Framework, funder policies, social media and the rapid feedback enabled by online publishing. The panel are:

- Euan Adie, Founder, **Altmetric** and Product Manager, **Digital Science**.
- Phil Baty, Editor, **Times Higher Education Rankings** and Editor-at-Large of **Times Higher Education**.
- Simon Pratt, Product Manager, Institutional Research, **Thomson Reuters**.
- Vicky Jones, Deputy Manager, **Research Excellence Framework** (REF).

The debate will be **live streamed**. Questions can also be submitted in advance on Twitter or on the **LinkedIn event** using the hashtags **#NJCE12 and #metrics**.

Now in its sixth year, the *Naturejobs* Career Expo attracts more than 1,400 scientists actively seeking their next career move. It is the UK's largest career fair and conference for the scientific community. The conference plenary and workshop sessions will provide a unique opportunity to meet high profile scientists and gain careers information and advice. The keynote lecture, Piled Higher & Deeper, will be delivered by Jorge Cham, Creator/Writer, PHD Comics. Additional sessions include a guide to publishing in high-profile journals, a presentation on social media and various sessions on working and studying overseas. The full conference programme is available on the ***Naturejobs* Career Expo site**.

The Expo promotes global career opportunities in science, be it in industrial research, research organisations or academia. It presents the best opportunities from the best organisations: public, private, national and international. Jobseekers can meet with potential employers actively recruiting to fill vacancies. The cost to attend the conference is £50 and entry to the career fair is free with pre-registration. All attendees must **register**. Attendees can also let others know they are going via a **LinkedIn event**.

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