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« COMETS REPORT ON SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION »

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I. SUMMARY

Deliberations of the Ethics Committee for Science (COMETS) in response to the formal request by Mr François Fillon.

The debate is certainly not new, and we must rule out any form of dramatisation that would set all the evils of the present against an idealised past and thus extrapolate a future painted in a pessimistic light. Yet it is obvious that the transformations that have taken place, are currently taking place or have been announced in communication techniques are tending to disrupt the data related to this issue.

1. Scientific communication is booming
2. The new context of scientific work
3. Science as an economic and political issue in a democratic society
4. Researchers and scientific communication
5. Researchers' responsibilities
6. Recommendations

