

Key challenges in science diplomacy – pre and post conference

Pre conference

- Science **in** diplomacy
 - Complexity of issues
 - Two cultures
- Science **for** diplomacy
 - Aggressive nationalism
- Diplomacy for science
 - Increasing internationalization
 - Jealousy of national funding

Post conference

- Disregard for evidence
 - Propaganda **Trumps** facts
- Click journalism
 - Twitter **Trumps** fact-checkers
- Capacity building
 - Both diplomats and scientists
 - How to train storytellers?

One-liners from speakers

- Individuals consulting cross borders: cultural divides, historical sensitivities
- Maintaining trust and credibility important (motivations?)
- Be impartial, reveal sources, acknowledge own limits, declare conflicts of interest, retain confidentiality..... (9 golden pieces of advice)
- OIC (Organization of Islamic Cooperation): S&T Committee important
- Cooperation active despite very different stages of development and culture
- Very high level of achievement/international collaboration in some countries
- Mutual assistance in developing institutions/infrastructure/human potential
- Science diplomacy at heart of EU strategy for international collaboration
- EU funding (FP7 etc) critical for IPCC/COP21 and SESAME
- Horizon 2020 the only significant **international** funding program