Changing the world of research evaluation: the work of the INORMS Research Evaluation Working Group

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The INORMS Research Evaluation Working Group (REWG) was established at the 2018 INORMS Congress to consider how best to ensure that research evaluation is meaningful, responsible and effective. To this end, group members representing the research management societies that make up INORMS have focussed on two main work-packages. The first seeks to draw attention to the burgeoning influence of World University Rankings on the behaviours of universities, by developing a methodology for 'rating' the Rankers in order to highlight some of their deficiencies and encourage better practices. The second has developed a five-stage process for evaluating responsibly called 'SCOPE', alongside a series of five arguments to persuade senior university leaders to adopt such responsible evaluation approaches. The outcomes of both workpackages will be presented at this workshop, providing perspectives from the global range of INORMS REWG members.