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Quality Assurance Session: Peerage of Science - community driven initiative to improve peer-review

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In this talk I will discuss the two "foundation stones" of the Peerage of Science.

1) Peer judgement and scoring of the peer reviews. The academic community, and the publishing industry, need to have the courage to say out loud that the quality of peer review contributions varies considerably, and so act accordingly. Only then can we begin to give academic recognition for excellence in peer review, and thereby drive improved quality assurance in academic publishing.

2) Concurrent, or at least shared, use of peer reviews by journals. The traditional, onerous and slow "slide down the journal prestige ladder" submission practice is not only wasteful, but harmful to scientists, and to science itself. Submission cascade systems are a step forward, but we can move further and make a single set of reviews available from a trustworthy source for any and all journals that want to use them.

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