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STM Welcomes Declaration of Marseille

STM (the International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers) welcomes this week's initiative of the French Ministry of Research, as part of the Presidency of the European Union, for organizing a conference in Marseille, France, on a Comprehensive Approach to Research, Innovation and Higher Education — an effort to ensure coordination of European policies related to Horizon Europe. We thank French Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, Frédérique Vidal, for this convening that involved the European Commission, EU Member States, European Free Trade Area States, and states from the European Economic Area.

We further welcome the resulting Declaration of Marseille, which establishes common values and principles essential for international cooperation in research and innovation. Freedom of research, research integrity and ethics, Open Science — values defined in the declaration — are all values strongly held by STM.

We are encouraged, too, by the Delegation's commitment to foster and promote Intellectual Property, and to improve the universal protection and enforcement of intellectual and industrial rights.

STM publishers have long been committed to the widest possible dissemination of, and access to, the content they publish. We support any and all sustainable models of access that ensure the integrity and permanence of the scholarly record; this encompasses the acceleration of unrestricted access to trusted research publications for all, as well as the acceleration of unrestricted access to publishing opportunities for European scientific and scholarly researchers

Fostering publication ethics and research integrity are also of the utmost importance to STM, and we are pleased to see this as a common value in the Declaration of Marseille.

STM continues to embrace the shared principle of freedom of research, which as current times demonstrate, must be vigilantly preserved.

We support the Declaration of Marseille and stand ready to work with the French Presidency, the European Commission and Member States in addressing these critical issues with which STM has long been immersed.