EuroScience expresses support for French population and French EuroScience colleagues

EuroScience expresses its strong solidarity with the population of France and especially our French colleagues in EuroScience in these days when mortal attacks have been carried out on journalists standing for the freedom of speech, and therefore on that freedom itself. Freedom of speech is vital to a democracy and all its citizens. Scientists, too, are keenly aware that pursuing new knowledge requires the freedom to travel untrodden paths fearlessly and question conventions and social traditions when facts and theories urge to go in that direction. Scientific methods are natural boundaries for researchers but for the rest the scientific discourse requires the same freedom of expression that has now been under fire. It is part of the responsibility of scientists to defend that space of freedom and what happened in Paris should make us consider how we can more explicitly contribute to this. EuroScience is keen to pursue this debate.

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