Myth Busters: Discrediting misinformation in Science

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In recent times, we have faced and continue to face the challenge of the overabundance of misinformation. False or inaccurate information presented as fact, intentionally or not, has reached staggeringly high levels, leading to what many have termed the ‘infodemic’. From COVID-19, vaccines, cancer therapeutics to GMOs, fake news, myths, and misinformation are at all-time high.

To ensure the public has access to factual and reliable information in science and research, there is a tremendous need to fight the scourge of misinformation and empower people to distinguish between facts and fake news.

Now more than ever, it is vital that researchers, science communicators and the public actively collaborate and do what we can together to highlight the importance of fighting misinformation by engaging in discourse and putting out facts, not fake news.

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