

# Enabling Research and Science



**vietsch**  
foundation

## Mission

The mission of the Vietsch Foundation is to promote research into and development of advanced Internet / networking technology for scientific research and higher education.

We do this by funding relevant projects and awarding an annual medal.

## Some Projects Funded by the Vietsch Foundation

### SEARSIA

Open Source Search Engine

An open source search engine that combines results from a large number of sources in a personal, private, and configurable way.

The Searsia service resembles today's large search engines, whilst also providing filters to remove potential spam and illegal material from the search results. It can limit the possibility to track users.

[www.searsia.org](http://www.searsia.org)

### REFEROO

Efficient Paper Reviewing

A set of tools to improve the efficiency of scientific peer-reviewing.

REFEROO provides a web portal for managing the refereeing tasks of reviewers. The portal is designed in such a way as to encourage referees to perform their duties conscientiously and efficiently whilst providing them with clear incentives.

[www.referoo.org](http://www.referoo.org)

### TRACKING EXPOSED

Spotlighting data tracking and user profiling

The objective of TRACKING EXPOSED is to put a spotlight on users' tracking, profiling for the data market and on the influence of algorithms.

These phenomena are shielded from view or understood only by experts. The project helps explain the issue, test and promote new solutions to benefit the community.

<https://tracking.exposed>

## Working with the Vietsch Foundation

### PROJECTS

The Vietsch Foundation can fund small R&D projects with the potential to enhance the use of research and education networks in Europe and around the world.

Proposals may be sent to:

[proposals@vietsch-foundation.org](mailto:proposals@vietsch-foundation.org)

### MEDAL OF HONOUR

The Medal of the Vietsch Foundation is awarded annually to honour people whose initiatives led to a lasting organisational set-up or a service that is of great value to the research and education community.

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### OPEN SCIENCE

The Vietsch Foundation fully supports Open Science and is interested in creating synergies and collaborations with policy makers and funders.

Vietsch Foundation website:

[www.vietsch-foundation.org](http://www.vietsch-foundation.org)