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Research Integrity in a nutshell: why ethics matter in research

Course 932

Research Integrity in a nutshell

Agenda

Introduction, Research Processes I	14.00
Break	14.50
Research processes II, Information sources	15.00
End	16.00

Order of authors
Data acquisition
guidelines
responsibility
Prosecution misconduct
Generate results
Research using animals
Ethics
Data management
Fabrication
Dual use of results
Raw data storage
Reviewing processes
Avoiding conflicts
values
principles
Transfer knowledge
Eligibles Authors
Ethical issues in proposals
Fair collaborations
Authorship
Plagiarism
Research involving humans
Falsification
Safety at work
Data reduction
Third world countries
rules





Research processes

- Aim
- Proposal
- Organization
- Executing
- Results
- Publishing
- Transfer
- Society

Basic ethical principles:
 Create **benefit**, do **not harm**, be **fair**, respect **autonomy**

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1. Idea | |
| 2. Research proposal | Recognize ethical issues, show potential benefit |
| 3. Organizing work | Safety! , mentoring, cooperations, project manag. |
| 4. Executing research work | Data management, safety |
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|----------------------------|--|
| 5. Results | Robust Knowledge, grey zones, ownership, FFP |
| 6. Publishing | Authorship, reviewing, impact factors |
| 7. Technology transfer | Realize benefit, conflict of interest |
| 8. Benefit for the society | Show results and implications |

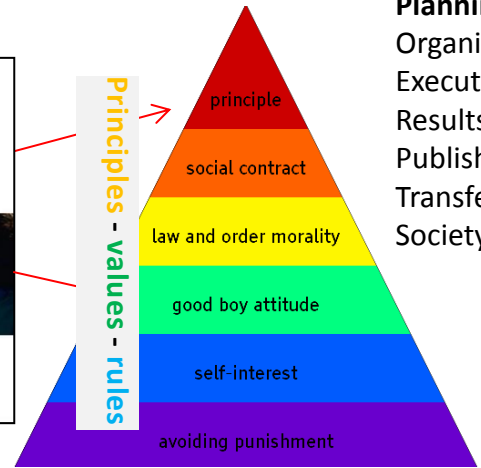


Ethics in sciences

Sciences

«Good scientific practice» guidelines

Ethics matters:



motivation

Aim
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Funders: proposal submission, ethical issues self-assessment by PI

- Legal and ethical issues (e.g. mandatory in Horizon 2020)
- Protection humans, animals, environment, data
- Dual use, third countries, misuse of results (e.g. discrimination, for politics)

Cooperative partners: conflict of interest, fairness, ownership

Public relations:

Justification of research work, means, expected benefit

Communicate: Aims, methods, application of results, prevention of misuses

Content

Integral part of your working contract

Guiding precepts

1. General
2. Integrity in research
 - 2.1 Research planning
 - 2.2 Execution of research
 - 2.3 Publication of research
3. Integrity of peer reviewing
4. Final regulations (procedures allegations)

Ethical issues:

Authorship / Publishing
 Avoiding plagiarism
 Data management
 Collaborative Sciences
 Mentorship
 Conflict of interest
 Research on humans
 Animal experiments

Appendix

Honesty, openness, self-criticism, reliability and fairness are the basis for credibility and acceptance in science. Researchers at PSI are committed to these **values** and to the guidelines which derive from them.



Ethical issues in research proposals

Information sheet

Ethical self-assessment before submitting a research grant

Why?

EU Horizon2020, Article 19 of the H2020: Article 34 Grant Agreement: general obligation of beneficiaries to comply with *ethical principles*.

Self-assessment by proposers is a first step in the evaluation process: think about ethical issues raised by the proposed research work. Funding agencies follow independently ethics review and appraisal. Ethical self-assessment will help also to be successful and avoid delays in *other grant applications*.

Here, legal information and keywords (for own search) concerning ethical issues and a contact person at PSI are given. These issues have been defined by the European Commission.

See also: Homepage Research Integrity and the Document "Research Integrity at PSI, guidance for good scientific practice" www.psi.ch/integrity/research-integrity

The ethical issues are:

1. Human protection

Human Research Act (HRA), Human Forschungsgesetz (HFG) SR 820.30

Ordinance on Research Involving Embryonic Stem Cells (Stem Cell Research Ordinance, SCRO), Stammzellenforschungsverordnung (StFG) SR 810.311

Authority: Ethikkommission Nordwest- und Zentralschweiz (EKNZ); electronic registration for submission of research projects to Swiss ethical committees (Swissethics)

<http://eknz.ch/gesuchseinreichung/>: Templates, checklist, forms, information sheets, guidelines, specific investigations, specific situations, etc.; informed consent is required

A valid approval from ethical commission is required before a research project can be done:

- *With (on) humans:* „Forschung mit Menschen: Ein Leitfaden für die Praxis“ (2015), Schweizer Akademie der Medizinischen Wissenschaften (SAMW)
- *Using human materials*
- *Using embryos and stem cells:* EU does not support: (a) human cloning for reproductive purposes; (b) modify the genetic heritage of human beings which could make such changes heritable, (c) to create human embryos solely for the purpose of research or for the purpose of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer.

Internal contact: Louis Tiefenauer

2. Animal protection and welfare

Animal Welfare Act (no english version found)(Tierschutzgesetz (TSchG)) SR 455

Animal Welfare Ordinance (no english version found)(Tierschutzverordnung (TSchV)) SR 455.1

Authority: Kanton Aargau, Amt für Verbraucherschutz, Veterinärdienst

A valid Swiss approval is required before experiments can be done.

- PSI research projects which foresee the use of animals require permission from the cantonal authority in charge. Without a valid permission research work can't start.
- When the use of animals in research is planned, see the diverse recommendation, e.g. www.snf.ch/de/derSnf/forschungspolitische_positionen/tierversuche or homepage Kommission für Tierversuchsethik (KTVE) (www.akademien-schweiz.ch)

Approval depends on animal type, pain level of animals in experiments, conditions.

Internal contact: Martin Behr

Ethical issues are:

1. Human protection
2. Animal protection and welfare
3. Data protection and privacy
4. Environmental protection
5. Third countries
6. Dual use
7. Misuse / malevolent use of results

Basic ethical principles:
 Create benefit, do not harm,
 be fair, respect autonomy

Information sheet contains:

- Hints to legal provisions
- Authorities
- Links to more infos
- Internal contacts

Frame is given by

- Laws
- Rules
- Guidelines
- Facilities
- Finances

Principles - values - rules

Project management

General management tasks

- Define clear goals
- Let **participate all** in decisions
- Check compliance to frame issues
- Optimize **benefits & transfer**
- Communicate to funder & stakeholders

Meetings issues on different levels

Basis: **honesty, trust** & sense of respons.

- Open discussions, **irresponding practices**
- **Respectful change** management
- **Fair** credits (publications, acknowledg.)

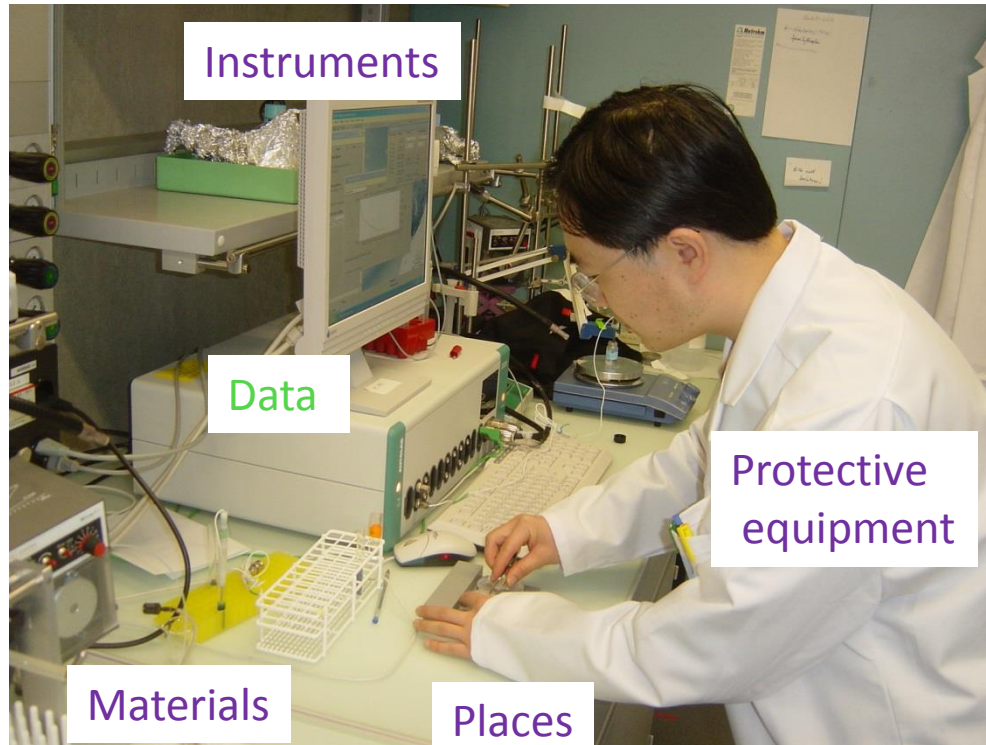
Agreements in collaborative research

- Allocation of means: clear & **fair**
- Define **common procedure** for **misconduct**
- Define & update of **responsibles**

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Montreal statement on research integrity in cross-boundary research collaborations

Safety issues: avoid damage



Principles - values - rules

Required resources

- Room
- Materials
- Facilities
- Supports
- Time
- Skilled individuals

Ethical issues: valid and usable data

Responsible Research

Relevant topic, valid data, reproducible results, done in efficient way

Sloppy research practices

Ignorance, honest error vs. **dubious integrity**

Research misconduct

FFPT:

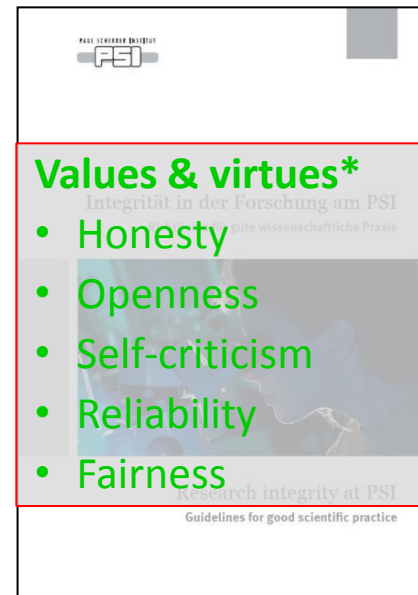
Fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, theft

according to Lex Bouter, Univ. Amsterdam

- Ethical topics are:
- Authorship / Publishing
 - Avoiding plagiarism
 - Data management
 - Collaborative Sciences
 - Mentorship
 - Conflict of interest
 - Research on humans
 - Animal experiments

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Good scientific practice



- Universalism
- Communalism
- Org. Scepticism
- Benefit !
- Desinterested.

*Also in: discourse ethics, deontology, utilitarianism ethics, CUDOS (Merton)

Questionable research practice (QRP)

Principles - values - rules

QRP most relevant (*frequency of occurrence x severity*)

1. **Not publish** a valid negative study (**openness**, **benefit**)
2. Let your **beliefs** or convictions **influence the conclusions** (**self-criticism**)
3. Not report **replication problems** (**honesty**, **reliability**, **benefit**, **fairness**)
4. **Conceal results** that contradict your earlier findings or your convictions (**honesty**)
5. Keep **inadequate notes** of the research (**Data management**)
7. **Selectively cite** to enhance own findings or convictions (**Citation practice**, **fairness**)
8. Unwillingness to **share data** and materials with peers (**openness**, **fairness**)
9. **Insufficiently** supervise and **mentor** (junior) coworkers (**Mentors in science**)
10. Insufficiently **mention study flaws** and limitations (**honesty**, **openness**, **self-criticism**)
23. **Selectively delete data, modify or add data** after performing initial data analysis
36. **Fabricate data** (**honesty**, **harm**)
50. Willfully **communicate findings inaccurately** in public (**honesty**, **openness**, **benefit**)

Questionable research practice (QRP) II

All factors may have adverse effects

«Sloppy science is a larger evil than research misconduct.»



QRP most fatal (*impact on (public) trust*)

1. Data fabrication (36. above) (**honesty**)
2. Willfully communicate findings inaccurately in public (50. above) (**honesty, openness**)

QRP most severe (*impact on truth*)

1. Data fabrication (36. above) (**honesty**) (**honesty, reliability**)
2. Selectively delete data, modify or add data after performing initial data analysis (23. above)

Web-based survey, 4WCRI2015 Rio, Courtesy from Lex Bouter, Univ. Amsterdam

Principles - values - rules

Raw data Derived data Information **Knowledge** Applications

Metadata

Observation or
signal

privacy, fairness

risks for society

numbers

properties

understanding

communication

speed matters e.g. in epidemics

coordination

generation

analysis

description

publication

reliability

Honesty, self-criticism

Robust knowledge

Data should be:

benefit: good data quality!

accessible
zugänglich

intelligible
verständlich

understandable
nachvollziehbar

usable
brauchbar

alleged fraud

Data storage / property

Data reduction

Data interpretation

Data format

Severe misconducts in sciences

Impact on trust & truth: **1. position**

(FFTP)

Principles - values - rules

Fabrication of data

Institutional procedures
 Legal prosecution

Institution
 Court

Falsification of data

grey zones
 regulations by journals

Institution
 Court

Theft of data

Institution
 Court

Plagiarism

e.g. SNF
 Editors



Lost of title or/and job

Damaged reputation

Exclusion from applications

Damage reputation, also of the institution!

Who is eligible as an author ?

“A person is considered as an author of a scientific publication if he meets *all* of the three following criteria:

- a. Personally providing either a significant contribution to the planning, to the execution, to the supervision or to the interpretation of a piece of research,
- b. participating in the drafting of the manuscript, and
- c. approving the final version of the manuscript.”

Contributors who only partially meet the three criteria set above should be mentioned in the “Acknowledgements” section of the publication.”

Source: Research Integrity at PSI, Guidelines 2014

a. «Significant contribution»

Principle fairness - values - rules

Elegibility as an author (procedure)

- *Discuss* this with *all involved* early; write a protocol; adjust it, if necessary
- Avoid influence from outside; write a justification, when a person is excluded; remember: everybody has the right to consult an ombudsperson
- Final decision takes person with overall responsibility (PI, first, last **corresp. author**)
- Eligibility: is not directly related to the time spent by somebody
- Deciding factor is: who contributes to increase of knowledge

Essential contributions, examples:

- Writer of the accepted proposal
- Who produces *and* characterizes key materials
- Who designs *and* performs experiments
- Statistician: Data reduction *and* analysis
- Primary writer of the manuscript
- *Critical* reviewer of the manuscript

Not eligible as an author is, who *merely*

- provides materials
- provides facilities (e.g. SLS)
- provides financial and organizational support (only heading)
- arises critical questions
- has merely a managerial function (group leader, aso.)



Acknowledgment

Research proposal

Funders reviewers

Internal Foko members

Submitted papers

Paper reviewers

Audits

Organizational units auditors

Large projects reviewers

Evaluation of applicants for

Postdocs (e.g. PSI Fellow) committee

Permanent academic position DIRK

Professorship commission

Competence

Do not accept, if you are not fully competent

Do go in details and give supporting suggestions

Independency

Do not judge friends or foes

Confidentiality

Do not make use of findings or disclose information

Destroy copy of manuscript after finishing a review

Anonymity

Don't disclose your name

Don't pass to others without permission

Transparency

Make transparent: process, criteria and goals

Inform affected people on the outcome in due time

Declare scientific relationships and bias

A reviewer *should* detect

Principle fairness - values - rules

- Not Authorship complaints (leaving out authors who should be included, or including authors who did not contribute significantly)

but

- **Duplicate submission** or salami publishing (creating several publications from the same research or incomplete story)
- **Lack of ethics approval** (related to animal experiments or for experimentation with human subjects)
- **Undisclosed conflicts of interest** (see www.elsevier.com/conflictsofinterest)
- His own **reviewer bias**
- **Falsification** of results (including image manipulation)
- **Fabrication** of results (from original data acquisition)

“ The *peer review system* is the cornerstone of scientific publishing; it helps to improve articles by feedback from experts in the field, but also helps in validating data.”

Rob van Daalen, Ethic in publishing – new challenges,
 W.J. Kolff Institute, Newsletters March 2016

Is: Verbatim copy of a text without quotation marks*

- From own text: *self-plagiarism, parallel submission*
- From others: *plagiarism*

* Giving [reference in brackets] is *not* sufficient !

What is the problem ?

Poor quality, fairness, copyrights (legal issue)

Plagiarized text in:

Introduction

Methods & materials

Results

Discussion

Acknowledgement

Text **not fully matches**
the topics and issues

theft

copyright infringement

Fair assessment is not possible

Unfair credit distribution

Deception of the reader

Paper type

Original contribution

Review paper

Research proposal

Textbook contribution

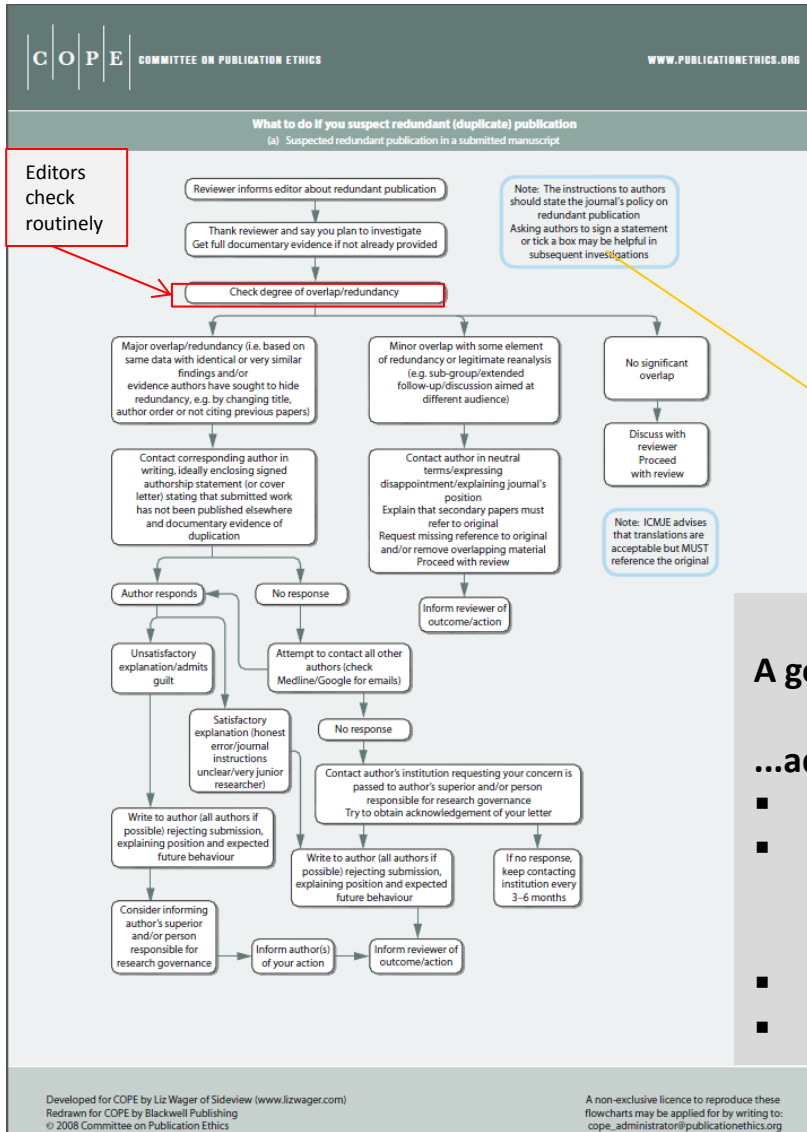
Student work

Master thesis

Scientific popular article

From **Office** of Research Integrity (ORI), Miguel Roig

1. An ethical writer ALWAYS acknowledges the contributions of others and the source of his/her ideas.
2. Any verbatim text taken from another author must be enclosed in quotation marks.
3. We must always acknowledge every source that we use in our writing; whether we paraphrase it, summarize it, or enclose it quotations.
4. When we *summarize*, we condense in our own words, a substantial amount of material into a short paragraph or perhaps even into a sentence.
5. Whether we are *paraphrasing or summarizing* we must always identify the source of our information.
6. When *paraphrasing and/or summarizing* others' work we must reproduce the exact meaning of the other author's ideas or facts using our words and sentence structure.
7. In order to make substantial modifications to the original text that result in a proper paraphrase, the author must have a thorough understanding of the ideas and terminology being used.
8. A responsible writer has an ethical responsibility to readers, and to the author/s from whom s/he is borrowing, to respect others' ideas and words, to credit those from whom we borrow, and whenever possible, to use one's own words when *paraphrasing*.



Summary

- Editors of many journals have committed to COPE-guidelines
- *Suspected* plagiarism will cause a *delay*
- Plagiarism check programs can efficiently detect plagiarism
- *Reviewers* or *readers* can inform editors

A good manuscript



...adheres to publication ethics

- Avoid **plagiarism** of others' work
- Avoid **multiple publication** of the same work, never submit your manuscript to more than one journal at a time
- Cite and acknowledge others' work appropriately
- Only list co-authors who made major contributions

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You are signed in as
Louis Tiefenauer

My Favorites
My Notes

Integrität in der Forschung

- Ombudspersonen
- Veranstaltungen
- Dokumente
- Plagiate**
- Kontakt
- Interne Links

Research Integrity

- Ombudspersons
- Events
- Documents
- Plagiarism
- Contacts
- Internal Links

Web Options

Plagiate

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Unter einem Plagiat versteht man die ganze oder teilweise Verwendung eines fremden Werks ohne Angabe der Quelle. Plagiate sind eine schwere Verletzung der wissenschaftlichen Integrität. Um Plagiate in wissenschaftlichen Publikationen zu vermeiden und die Qualität der Veröffentlichungen sicherzustellen, können Veröffentlichungen mit der Plagiatserkennungssoftware „iThenticate“ (<http://www.ithenticate.com>) auf identische Textbestandteile überprüft werden. Für die Beurteilung der Überprüfungsergebnisse bieten PSI-interne Fachleute Unterstützung. Alle Vorgesetzten sind aufgefordert, insbesondere die Nachwuchswissenschaftler des PSI für dieses Thema zu sensibilisieren. Hierfür wird zudem auf die Angebote für Ausbildungs- und Informationskurse, auf die Richtlinien zu Integrität in der Forschung am PSI sowie das PSI-Intranet (https://intranet.psi.ch/Research_Integrity) verwiesen.

Jeder Forschende des PSI kann eine zur Veröffentlichung vorgesehene wissenschaftliche Arbeit zur Überprüfung auf Plagiate einreichen, unter Einhaltung der hierfür festgelegten Rahmenbedingungen und Grundsätze (-> siehe unten). Die Verantwortung für die Durchführung der Überprüfung sowie die Rückmeldung der Überprüfungsergebnisse an die Antragsteller unter Wahrung der Vertraulichkeit liegt beim Ressort Wissenschaft des Direktionsstabes als zentraler Fachstelle (Kontakt: ihent@psi.ch). Die Nutzung dieses Angebotes erfolgt ohne Verrechnung von Gebühren an die beauftragenden Forschenden bzw. deren Kostenstelle.

Grundsätze für die Anwendung der Plagiatserkennungssoftware „iThenticate“ am PSI

Das PSI ermöglicht die Plagiatsüberprüfung bei wissenschaftlichen Veröffentlichungen mittels „iThenticate“, wenn dies für die Qualitätssicherung wie bei Gutachter Tätigkeiten, Betreuungsaufgaben oder Überprüfung der Beiträge von Koautoren erforderlich ist. Um diesem Grundsatz gerecht zu werden, ist bei Übermittlung des Dokumentes die Angabe eines Grundes für die Überprüfung erforderlich. „iThenticate“ soll nicht zur Verfügung gestellt werden, um die Arbeit von Fachkollegen ohne begründbare Motivation einer Kontrolle zu unterziehen.

Verantwortlichkeiten:

- Die Forschenden beantragen die Überprüfung eines Dokumentes durch die Fachstelle, bleiben aber für den angemessenen Umgang mit den Überprüfungsergebnissen selbst verantwortlich.
- Direktionsstab und die Fachpersonen Research Integrity stehen bei Bedarf beratend zur Seite.

Bitte füllen Sie das Formular [\[1\]](#) aus und hängen Sie das entsprechende Dokument zur Plagiatsüberprüfung dem Mail an. Sie werden innerhalb weniger Arbeitstage Rückmeldung erhalten. Bei Fragen wenden Sie sich bitte an ihent@psi.ch.

Name*

E-Mail*

Justification of plagiarism check for this document (e.g. co-authorship/review/supervisor):*

* Diese Felder sind zwingend auszufüllen.

Reasons to submit for a plagiarism check

- Collaborations; before paper submission
- PhD work
- Reviewing: if editor did'nt check by default

Conditions at PSI

- confidential
- no costs
- fast & easy

Benefit for the society

...Knowledge, better goods, options for the future...

Tell it to the public !

**Mensch
und
Gesundheit**



**Energie
und
Umwelt**

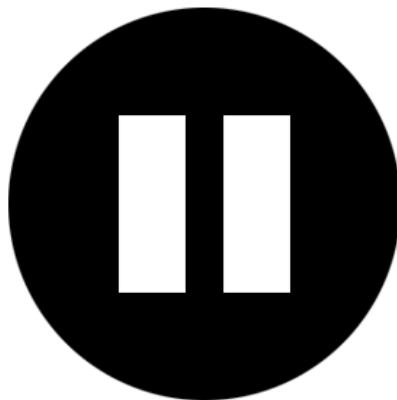


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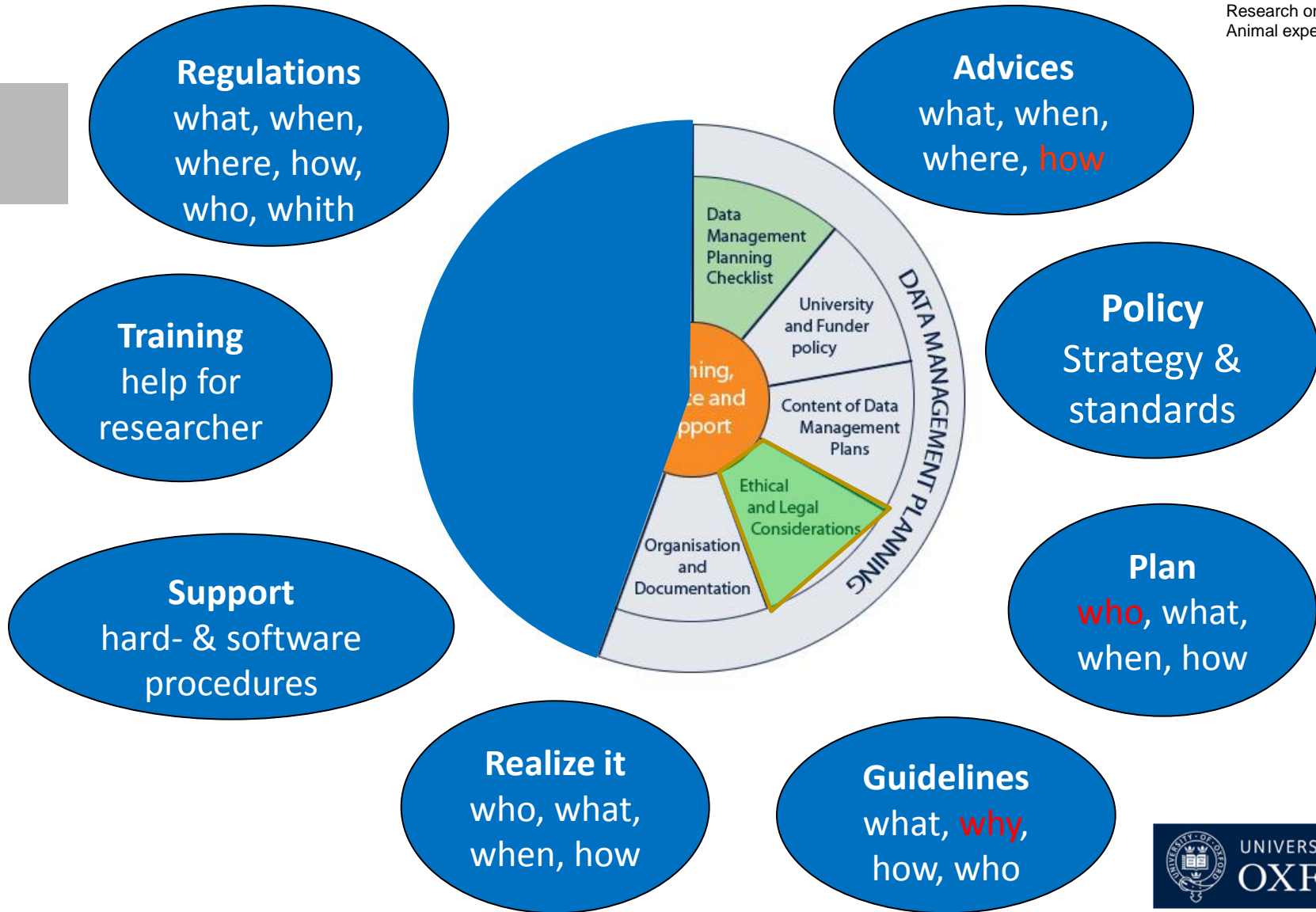


**Teilchen
und ihre
Tücken**





Data management (I)



Data management II

Data life cycle and ethical issues

Raw data

Storage

Duration
 Access
 Ownership

fabrication, falsification, theft
 safety and security (access)

**Responsibilities:
 PI and others**

Derived Data

Analysis

Group discussion
 Communication plan
 Simulations, modelling
 Interpretation

intelligible, usable data
 benefit and verifiability

Metadata

Indexing
 Communication
 Identification sources

privacy, fairness, usability
 freedom of research
 confidentiality

Curation

Readable data
 Migration
 Data (sets) access

Results

Authorship
 Visualization
 Conclusions
 Applications

Publication

fairness (plagiarism)
 maximise benefit
 avoid misinterpretation

TechTransfer

benefit (science, economics, poverty)
 conflict of interest

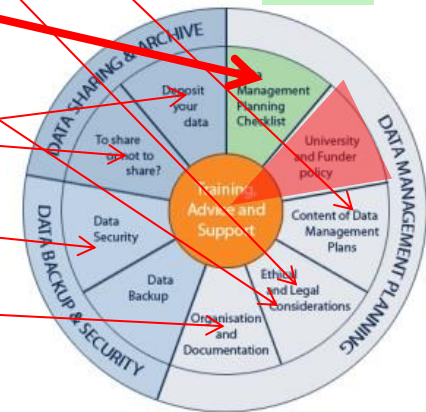
Data Policy for PSI research data

1. General principles
2. Definitions
3. **Raw data** and associated **metadata**
4. Results
5. Good practice for metadata capture and results storage
6. Publication information

Implementation

The policy defines the rules for the following topics:

- Data ownership
- Data curation
- Data archiving
- Open access to data



List of topics (I)

Aim: traceability

1. **Responsible actors:** experimenter, **PI!**, supervisors, leaders
2. **Data management plan** (required in some EU projects):
education, **responsibilities**, communication
3. **Acquisition:** **raw data**, metadata, statistics, formats, **fabrication**
(**double storage**)
4. **Treatment:** analysis, **validation** (grey zones), **processing**
(**falsification**), conversion, statistical evaluation, reduction,
presentation (tables, graphics, images)
5. **Utilization of results:** **publications**, **authorship** (**plagiarism**), **tech-**
transfer, **spin-offs**
6. **Storage and archiving:** IT facilities, **costs**, **migration**

ethical issues

legal and financial issues

List of topics (II)

7. **Metadata:** associated personal data, data-catalogue (**privacy, freedom of research**)
8. **Ownership:** research data, **patents**, external users (scientific, **proprietary**), ~~theft~~
9. **Disclosure practice:** ongoing project, for auditing (**conflict of interest**), reviewing, **collaborations (NDA)**
10. **Access:** identified persons, passwords strategy, **raw data access**
11. **Deletion:** **public data**, storage
12. **Curation:** migration, backups, transformation (history)
13. **Data sharing:** **open access, exchangeable formats**

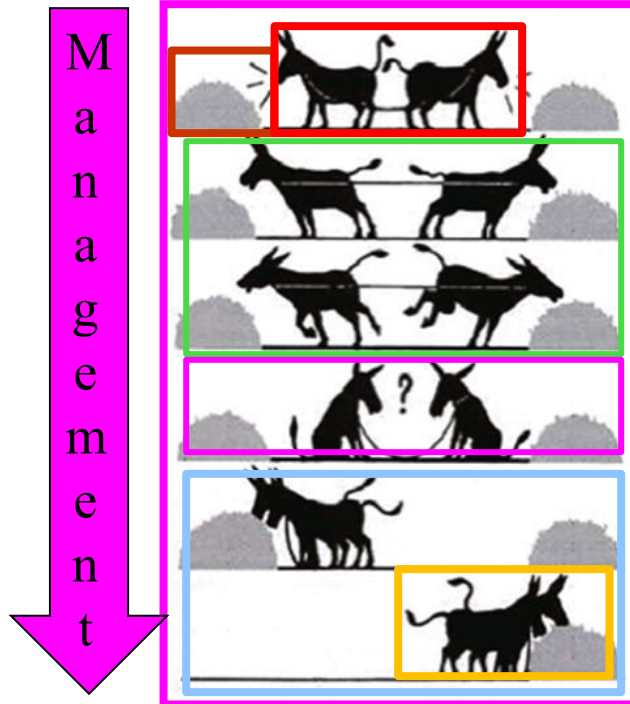
ethical issues

legal and financial issues

Cooperation

Benefits, more

- means
- working time
- *methods*
- influence
- reputation
- *Ideas*



Competition

Risk

- shared means
- waste of time
- damaged reputation
- etc.



Mentors are trusted **friends** providing advises and help

ethical issues

Advisor
 Developer
 Interpreter
 Protector
 Door opener
 Coacher
 Rule setter
 Role model

Organization of work: show, **suggest**, adjust the working plan

Group meetings: participate, support, **correct**

Critical data interpretation: handling out-drops & **grey zones**

Clear presentation of results: hints, provide support

Behavior: correct, give feedbacks, mediate, **hints (RI)**

Conflicts: do not blame, defense, encourage

Safety: **observe**, brief, control

Writing: **standards of community**, judge journal impacts

Teach: **rules**, **guidelines**, specific scientific issues

Recommend: literature, courses, conferences

Control: quality of work, achievements, **misconduct**

Early warning: **emerging problems**

Supporting: administrative work, IT-problems, job search

Participate in: social events, informal talks, lunch

Provide: dedicated help, material, methods

Procedures

Procedures in case of alleged violation of guidelines research integrity

Legal provisions, guidelines, internal regulations (contracts, research commission, personal conflict management, industrial collaborations), evaluation processes, whistle blowing, etc.

Structures

Human Resources Department (PER – Prozesse/Beratung / Konflikte)
Ombudspersons (mediators) (PER-table, research integrity)

Communication

Homepages: Human Resources Depart. & Research Integrity

Training

Courses (personal conflict management), education, mentors

Ethical principles

1. **First:** *Do not harm*
2. *Autonomy* (informed consent)
3. *Fairness* (avoid conflicts of interest)
4. Create *benefit* to society

Balancing **cost** (autonomy infringement, pain, who profits?, who pays?)
 against **benefits** (knowledge)

- Legal provisions: laws (HFG, StFG), provisions (VStFG, KlinV) & guidelines
- Ethic commissions (**EKNW**): evaluates proposals and provide **approvals**
- Institutional evaluation procedure (DUO)

Contact: Louis Tiefenauer

Inputs according to the 3 levels:

1. Clinical trials
2. Non-clinical trials
3. Research projects involving sensitive personal data or human materials

PIs of submitted proposals

Project management is responsible: **approved** project, competent execution (**approval** needed), reporting according to **approval**

Ethical principle 1: Primum noli nocēre

Balancing **cost** (pain)
against **benefits** (knowledge)

1. First: Do not harm

Legal provisions: laws (TSchG), provisions (TSchV) & guidelines

Executive authorities (TSch Behörde): evaluates proposals and provides **approval**

Institutional evaluation procedure (DUO): **approval** required *before* work execution

Animal species is the most important criterion

Contact:
 Martin Behe



Proposal	Details (who, how, how (many), why, etc.) are requested
Project execution	Approval Competences ? Infrastructure ? Procedures ?
Experiments	Trained individuals, correct procedures
Data	Reporting selected data to authorities according approval
Publication	Report legal and ethical issues according to instructions

Research Integrity issues

Authorship / Publishing
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 Mentorship
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Research Integrity (RI) education issues								
Nr	Topic	Keywords	Student	Postdoc	PI	Trainers	Trainers	Direction
						Scientif.	HR/Admin	
						Mentors Seniors	Consultants	
1	Basics RI	principles, virtues, values, rules	x	x	x	x	x	P
2	Guidelines on RI	How to <i>teach</i> contents ?		o	x	o	x	P
3	Data Management	Generate, storage, ownership	x	x	x	x	x	P
4	Authorship	Order, eligibility	x	x	x	x	o	P
5	Plagiarism	Publication, proposal, sanctions	x	x	x	x	x	P
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8	Mentoring	Responsibilities, organization	x	o	x	x	x	P
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15	Research topics	freedom, evaluation, bibliometry		x	x	x	x	(P) D
N topics			7	10 + 5	13 + 2	11 + 4	11 + 4	15 + 6

Nutshell level

3 + 10 = 13 topics addressed

P: policy (guidelines RI)
D: directives

Bold: see workshops at PSI

Persecution of misconducts

Verfahrensordnung bei vermuteter Verletzung
der Integrität in der Forschung am PSI (nur deutsche Version), 1. Juni 2010

Article 2 Misconduct in research

A misconduct is a infringement of the **rules** of Good Scientific Practice as outlined in details in the **guidelines** on «Research integrity at PSI».

Responsible are also individuals participating actively in violation of others or neglecting their direct or *institutional mandatory supervision*.

(my own translation)

Procedure in case of alleged violation of research integrity at PSI

5 pages, 11 paragraphs (procedure step by step)

Art. 2 Misconduct in research


Violation of **guidelines**

Assessment: issue, severity, intentionality

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Facilities and Instruments

The Paul Scherrer Institute runs Switzerland's Large research facilities for users from the national and international scientific community, in particular for condensed matter, materials science and biology research. PSI is one of only two locations in the world providing the three complementary probes of synchrotron X-rays, neutrons and muons at one site.



Research Departments at PSI

The institute's own research activities concentrate on scientific projects that strongly benefit from the use of the large research facilities. These cover a broad range of topics that can be grouped into three large fields: «Structure of Matter», «Energy and Environment» and «Human Health».



PSI User Laboratories

Each year, approximately 2000 scientists from all over the world visit PSI to perform their experiments, in fields such as condensed matter or fundamental physics, chemistry, biology or materials science. PSI is one of very few places in the world offering the three major probes for condensed matter research (synchrotron X-rays, neutrons and muons) on one campus.

Useful Links

PSI User Office

The PSI User Office is a central PSI installation to serve the users from all the four user laboratories.

Digital User Office (DUO)

Get direct access to PSI Digital User Office:

[DUO Login](#)

[Register](#)

PSI User Facilities Newsletter

Current News from PSI photon, neutron and muon user facilities

Scientific Events

Events for the scientific community

Conference Calendar

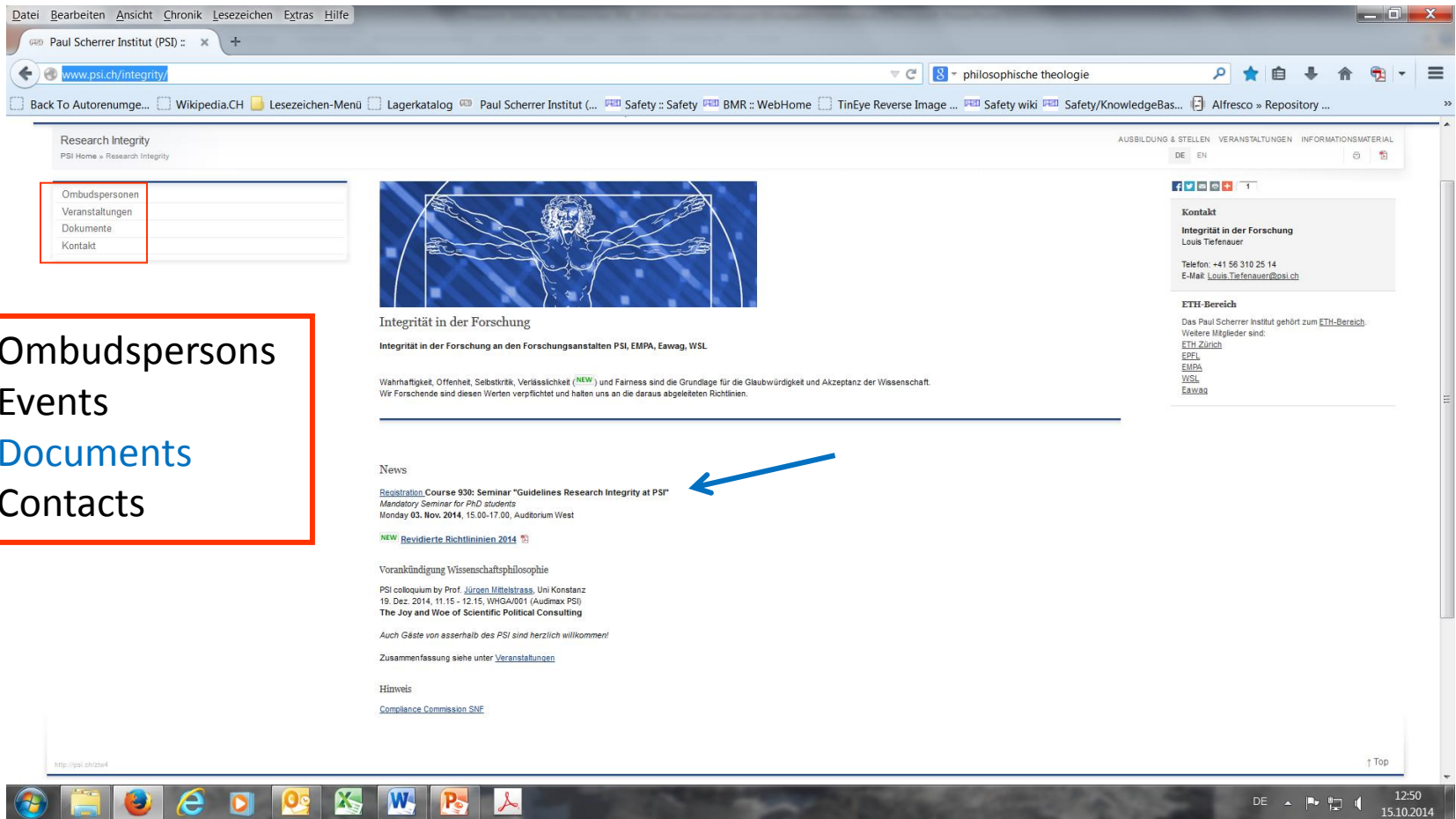
Conferences related to methods and topics addressed at our user facilities

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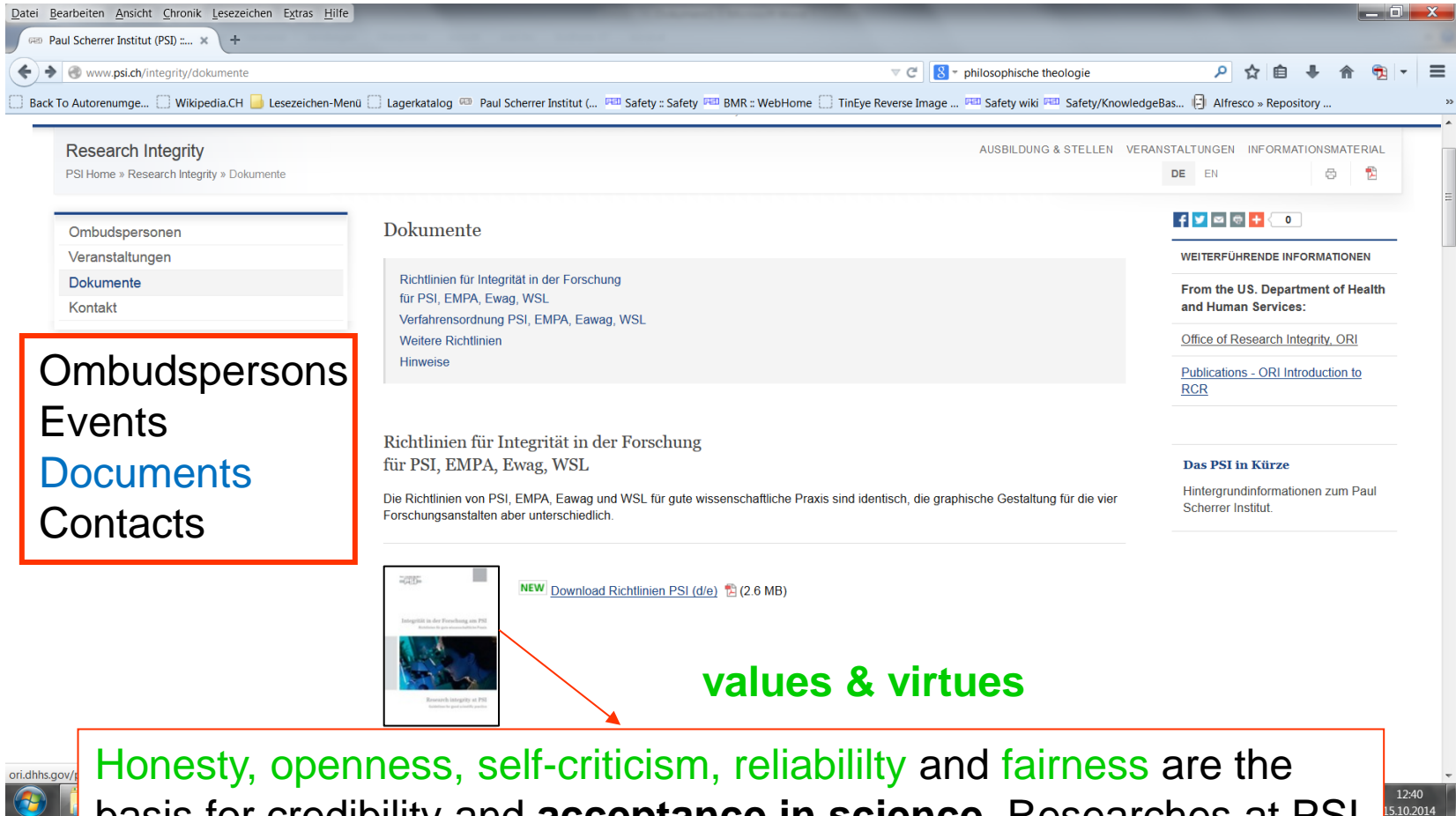
Library for the Research Institutes within the ETH Domain: Eawag, Empa, PSI & WSL.

Research Integrity at PSI

Research Integrity at the research institutes PSI, EMPA, Eawag, WSL



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[Verfahrensordnung PSI, EMPA, Eawag, WSL](#)
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Richtlinien für Integrität in der Forschung für PSI, EMPA, Ewag, WSL

Die Richtlinien von PSI, EMPA, Eawag und WSL für gute wissenschaftliche Praxis sind identisch, die graphische Gestaltung für die vier Forschungsanstalten aber unterschiedlich.

NEW [Download Richtlinien PSI \(d/e\)](#) (2.6 MB)

values & virtues

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Search: Research Integrity

My Notes

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Animal Experiments

* When a proposal is submitted by an external user (DUO) information has to be provided if animal experiments are planned. If no valid approval is available, the proposal will not be

- PSI research projects which foresee the use of animals subject to authorization require a permission from the cantonal authority in charge. Without a valid permission the resea
- Legal ground for use of animals in research are the Animal Welfare Act (Tierschutzgesetz TSchG) SR 455 from 16. Dezember 2005 (Status 1. Mai 2014) and the Animal Wel (Status am 9. April 2015).
- When the use of animals in research is planned, see the diverse recommendation, e.g. that issued by SNF [Scientific experiment with animals](#).

Handling human materials

The Federal Act on Research involving Human Beings (Humanforschungsgesetz, HFG) SR 810.30. from 30. September 2011 (Status 1. Januar 2014) is the basic law. Especially re research. Anonymization and informed consent are requirements to get an approval from the ethic commission in charge. Such a approval is a prerequisite for using human materi

Research on humans

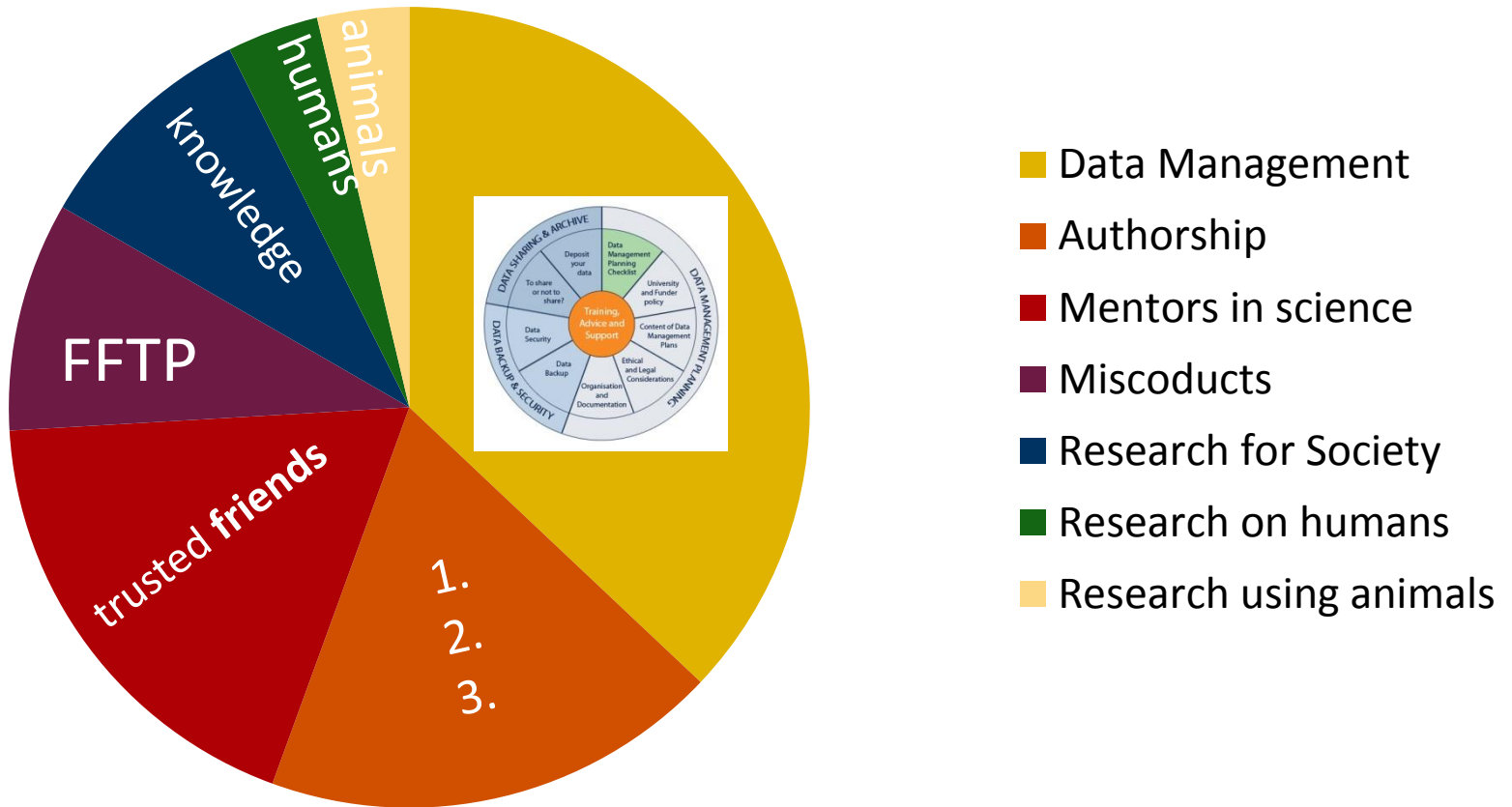
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You duties

- **Respect guidelines** (are legal part of working contract)
- **Avoid misconduct** (severe violations are persecuted; especially fabrication, falsification & theft of data, plagiarism, FFTP, etc.)
- **Contribute**
 - to *benefits* by science (**valid results!**)
 - to *credibility* of sciences (self-criticism)
 - to *acceptance* of sciences (open days, popular sciences)
 - to *advancement* of sciences (participation in seminars & education courses, etc.)
- **Report** (to supervisor or ombudsperson for all topics)
misconduct, misbehaviour and deviations early

Research integrity issues

My personal assessment of relevance in general



Research integrity in a nutshell

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Ethical issues in proposals

- Research involving humans
- Research using animals
- Dual use of results
- Third world countries

Transfer knowledge

Fair collaborations

- Safety at work
- Avoiding conflicts
- Prosecution misconduct

- Data acquisition
- Raw data storage
- Data reduction
- Generate results
- Falsification
- Fabrication

- Authorship**
- Eligibles Authors
- Order of authors

- Plagiarism**
- Reviewing processes**



Research Integrity issues

<https://www.psi.ch/integrity/research-integrity>

Research Integrity (RI) education issues								
Nr	Topic	Keywords	Student	Postdoc	PI	Trainers Scientif.	Trainers HR/Admin	DIR
						Mentors Seniors	Consultants	
1	Basics RI	principles, virtues, values, rules	x	x	x	x	x	P
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Content

Integral part of your working contract

Guiding precepts

1. General
2. Integrity in research
 - 2.1 Research planning
 - 2.2 Execution of research
 - 2.3 Publication of research
3. Integrity of peer reviewing
4. Final regulations (procedures allegations)

Ethical issues:

Authorship / Publishing
 Avoiding plagiarism
 Data management
 Collaborative Sciences
 Mentorship
 Conflict of interest
 Research on humans
 Animal experiments

Appendix

Avoid bad science and unfair practices

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