Research Integrity knows no geographic boundaries

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Research integrity - a global issue

- Cultural, linguistic, political barriers
- RI: Same understanding of definitions, standards and procedures?
- RI: Law? „Soft law“? No law?
- ...
International Development (1)

**USA 1989:**
Office of Inspector General (NSF) and Office of Research Integrity (NIH,..)

**Scandinavia:**
- Denmark, Norway 1992
- Finland 1994
- Sweden 1997
International Development (2)

European Network of Research Integrity Offices (2007)

2nd World Conference on Research Integrity in Singapur (2010)

Singapore Statement

European Code of Conduct (ESF/ALLEA, 2010)

3rd World Conference on Research Integrity in Montreal (2013)
„We do not want to have a Court, we want scientists to behave“

P. Drenth (All European Academies; ALLEA)
Members

Representatives from **21 European countries**

**Members belong to:**

- national organisations responsible for investigation and/or oversight of allegations of research misconduct
- organisations providing **funding for research**
- national organisations with a **special interest in promoting RI**
ENRIO: Members 2014

ABBREVIATIONS

Austria OeAWI Austrian Agency for Research Integrity
Belgium FWO Research Foundation – Flanders
VCWI Flemish Commission for Research Integrity
Croatia CESHE Croatian Committee on Ethics in Science and Higher Education (until Nov. 2010)
Czech Republic Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
Denmark DCSD Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty
Estonia ETAg Estonian Research Council
Finland TENK Finnish Advisory Board on Research Integrity
France CNRS Centre national de la recherche scientifique
INSERM Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale
Germany OMBUDSMAN Ombudsman für die Wissenschaft
SciInt Scientificintegrity.de
Ireland HRB Health Research Board
RIA Royal Irish Academy
Italy CNR Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche
Luxembourg FNR Fonds National de la Recherche
Netherlands LOWI National Board for Research Integrity
Norway ETIKKOM The National Committees for Research Ethics
Poland PAN Polska Akademia Nauk
Portugal FCT Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology
Slovak Republic SRDA Slovak Research and Development Agency
Spain CSIC Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas
Sweden CEPN Expert Group for misconduct in research at the Central Ethical Review Board
Switzerland SA Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences
United Kingdom UKRIO UK Research Integrity Office
Investigation of Research Misconduct – Level of regulation

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Luxembourg  
FNR Fonds National de la Recherche

Netherlands  
LOWI National Board for Research Integrity

Norway  
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PAN Polska Akademia Nauk

Portugal  
FCT Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology

Slovak Republic  
SRDA Slovak Research and Development Agency

Spain  
CSIC Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas

Sweden  
CEPN Central Ethical Review Board

Switzerland  
SA Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences

United Kingdom  
UKRIO UK Research Integrity Office

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ENRIOs strengths

Exchange of information and experience

- Improve own national structures and procedures
- Support/Advice members having no national structures

Discussion of Cases

- Hot topics: “plagiarism”, “authorship”, “digital data storage”,...
ENRIO aims to....

• Share experience
  ➢ Investigation of allegations of research misconduct
  ➢ Training/Education in good scientific practice

• Develop proposals for national and international organizations

• Cooperations with other international organizations with interest in RI
Different national RI systems

- Denmark
- Finland
- Austria
Denmark
Denmark (1)

Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty (DCSD)

• part of the Ministry (M. of Science, Innovation and Higher Education)

• „scientific dishonesty“ is defined by law
  ➢ Consolidation Act No. 1064 (6.9.2012; Parliament)
  ➢ Executive Order No. 306 (20.4.2009; Government/Ministry)
Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty (DCSD)

• Committee on Scientific Dishonesty for
  – Research in Health and Medical Sciences
  – Research in Natural, Technological and Production Science
  – Research in Cultural and Social Science

• Permanent Board: members elected for 4 + 2 years
Denmark (3)

Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty (DCSD)

• **1 Chair** for all 3 Committees + **6 members** (6 proxy) each
  - Chair is high court judge
  - Members are renowned scientists
  - appointed by the Ministry

• **Decisions** are made public *in extenso*, **anonymized**

• **No mandate to promote RI** in Denmark
Finland
Finland (1)

**Finnish Advisory Board on Research Integrity (TENK)**

- Founded in **1991**
- Introduced by **Ministry of Education and Culture**
- Elected for **3 years**
- **Chair** (Chancellor of Univ. of Tampere), **Vice Chair** (Professor from Univ. of Turku)
- **8 Members** (Universities, Academy, Funding Agency, Ministerial Advisor)
Finland (2)

Finnish Advisory Board on Research Integrity (TENK)

- **Advisory Board;** investigation by institutions
- **Informs public about Ethics in Science**
- **Teaching/Training RI**
Austria
Austria (1)

Austrian Agency for Research Integrity

• **Association** (2008); today 36 member institutions

• **Financed** through membership fees

• Not part of the Ministry; **independent organisation**

• **Advise members** in all matters related to scientific integrity

• **Teaching/Training RI**
Austria (2)

Austrian Commission for Research Integrity

– Advisory Board
– 6 members: renowned scientists, different disciplines
– Appointed by the Austrian Research Council
– Non-Austrians!!!
What is most important:

Raising awareness and prevention

?Do we need more control?