

THE COMPASS

A BULLETIN BY THE RESEARCH INTEGRITY AND ETHICS OFFICE

At NTU



On 27th Nov 2017, NTU held its first [Research Integrity Committee \(RIC\)](#) meeting since the committee's formation last month. The meeting was chaired by Prof Lam Khin Yong, Vice-President (Research), and was aimed at introducing the committee to the research integrity framework at NTU.

The RIC was formed as part of the Universities strengthening of research integrity at NTU in order to create a better link to the managements of the Colleges, Schools and Institutes. Its membership is at the level of Associate Deans, Associate Chairs and senior representatives from Institutes. The first meeting was wide ranging including education and training, legislative changes resulting from the Human Biomedical Research Act (HBRA), data management and archiving and the developing demands for compliance checks in such matters. The meeting report will be available, in due course, on the research integrity web site.

Visit our [training page](#) to learn more about the Epigeum Research Integrity Course and to view session recordings of RI courses and talks.

In the news

An article in Science released on 29 Sep 2017 quoted poor reproducibility of published research done in animals and attributed it to a lack of clarity in study parameters in the reported research.

This is despite the [U.K. National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement & Reduction of Animals in Research \(NC3Rs\)](#) having released the [ARRIVE guidelines](#) in 2010 to circumvent this issue by providing recommendations on data that is to be included in publications. Authors are encouraged to see that papers comply with the ARRIVE guidelines to ensure adherence to good reporting practice.

Read the full article [here](#).

Upcoming: Talk on Animal Welfare

On 16th Jan 2018, RIEO will be holding a talk on animal welfare ethics and on the legal and regulatory aspects of animal experimentation. The talk will be held at EMB seminar room from 2pm - 4.30pm.

The session titled "[Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Animal Experimentation](#)" is aimed at personnel overseeing animal care, such as PIs and research staff. In addition to covering responsibilities of animal users, it will also serve as a platform to exchange best practices among participants. All animal users are encouraged to attend.

[Register now](#) or contact us at rieo@ntu.edu.sg for more information.

Visit our [website](#) for a list of upcoming and past events.



The Speaker

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Deadlines:	2 Jan 2017: Next due date for submissions to NTU-IRB and NTU-IACUC
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