

# THE COMPASS

A BULLETIN BY THE RESEARCH INTEGRITY AND ETHICS OFFICE

The Research Integrity and Ethics Office (RIEO) is proud to launch the inaugural edition of THE COMPASS, a bulletin aimed at informing and guiding researchers in NTU on the proper and ethical conduct of research in the University. Over the coming months, we will be actively rolling out Research Integrity programmes while also keeping you updated on the latest news in this field.

## On the Web



**nature** International weekly journal of science

On 29th June 2017, Nature published an editorial on [Image Manipulation](#), covering issues on image integrity in publications and approaches to identify unethically altered images. An interesting takeaway as highlighted in the article was that in the majority of cases on image manipulation classified as cheating, PIs had no intention to cheat but rather to highlight their results to make them more prominent. Much remains to be done in the area of education on proper imaging techniques in research institutes the world over. At NTU, RIEO aims to tailor programmes to address these needs.

## At NTU



From 5th – 8th June 2017, RIEO held its first workshop titled [“Image Integrity – Best Practice in Preparing Imagery for Publication”](#). The course was aimed at PhD students, research staff and post-doc fellows who use or intend to use imagery in their publications. Each session was met with an encouraging turn out of about 35 persons per day.

The sessions featured [Jana Christopher](#), an image integrity analyst and Dr Holger Lorenz, a cell and molecular biologist currently working in the Center of Molecular Biology (ZMBH). The speakers shared commonly used image editing tools and on the ethical use of image editing techniques. RIEO will be conducting a follow up intermediate course on this and will keep you updated on details once available.

<b>Deadlines:</b>	<b>2 OCT 2017:</b> Next due date for submissions to NTU-IRB and NTU-IACUC
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