

# THE COMPASS

A BULLETIN BY THE RESEARCH INTEGRITY AND ETHICS OFFICE

## Research Integrity Conference

On **22nd October 2018**, NTU, A\*STAR and NUS held the second Joint Conference on Research Integrity aimed at advancing the practice of responsible science in Singapore. Held at the Biopolis, the conference saw strong turnout from academic and research centres in NTU, as well as members of the public.

Featuring international and industry speakers, sessions organised covered topics such as questionable research practices and factors and concerns surrounding data irreproducibility. The meeting's conclusion saw participating institutions announcing the formation of the Singapore Institutional Research Integrity Offices Network (**SIRION**) for the joint implementation of best practices through consultation and teaching to promote the responsible conduct of research in Singapore.

For any queries regarding the conference or to view slides of content covered, participants can contact [rieo@ntu.edu.sg](mailto:rieo@ntu.edu.sg) for more information.



## Predatory Conferences

Predatory conferences are a recurring problem in the field of research but have recently become harder to spot as some mask themselves under similar naming and branding of legitimate conferences. The author of an article in Chemistry World titled "**Predatory conference scammers are getting smarter**" recounts her experience with such a predatory conference and urges caution when accepting invites and/or registering for conferences [[+Read more](#)].

At NTU's Research Integrity Committee meeting held in June this year, the University leadership stressed that NTU's faculty and researchers must exercise due diligence to find out more about conference organisers so as to avoid falling prey to predatory organisers.

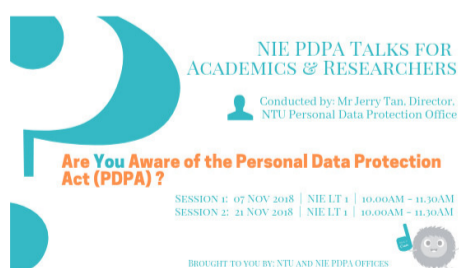
NTU Library has published a guide on their blog that outlines questions researchers must pose to themselves before registering for a chosen conference to verify its legitimacy [[+Read more](#)].



## Second PDPA Talk for All Faculty and Research Staff

A second session on PDPA awareness is being organised for all faculty and researchers by NIE's PDPA office. Mr Jerry Tan, Director of the NTU Personal Data Protection Office, will be speaking on the broad principles of PDPA and will cover a researcher's responsibilities in the collection and handling of research data related to human subjects.

2 sessions have been allocated for this talk and interested parties need register for only **one** of the sessions; the first will be held on **7th November 2018** and the second on **21st November 2018**. Interested participants can click on the corresponding links to find out more and to register for the event.



**Deadlines:** **NTU-IACUC:** Next due date for new AUP submissions is **19th November 2018**. [[+Read more](#)].  
**NTU-IRB:** New submissions are due on Mondays of every week.

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