

# THE COMPASS

A BULLETIN BY THE RESEARCH INTEGRITY AND ETHICS OFFICE

## Announcement by NTU RIO



Following up on our [March's issue](#) on Predatory Journals, NTU received information that predatory conferences were also being organised on-site within NTU. Faculty and research staffs are asked to refrain from participating in predatory conferences.

In addition, you may have received, or may receive in the future, an e-mail from the "**Nan Yang Academy of Sciences**" offering the position of research advisor or journal editor and tempting you with funding support. The e-mail may also include the claim that the Academy is MOE approved. **IT IS NOT**. If you receive this message, it should go into your junk folder.

## Talk on Legal Obligations under PDPA

On **16 Aug 2018**, RIEO organised a talk on the Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) for researchers whose studies involve the recording and collection of personal data gathered through e.g. observations and surveys.

Mr Jerry Tan, Director in the Corporate Governance Group at NTU, gave an enlightening talk covering the broad principles of PDPA, and informing researchers of their obligations under the legislation to protect personal data collected through research studies. Over 170 attendees across various Schools and Institutes in NTU participated actively in discussions, with the majority expressing interest in follow-up talks on similar topics.

NTU staff who would like access to the content covered during the talk can contact RIEO ([rieo@ntu.edu.sg](mailto:rieo@ntu.edu.sg)) for more information.



## Research Integrity Globally

Several nations have been active in addressing scientific misconduct through the establishment of government departments ([US Office of Research Integrity](#)) and agencies ([Austrian Agency for Research Integrity](#)) that set out guidelines on good research practices and/or independently handle investigations related to scientific misconduct. In line with ongoing international developments, the Netherlands has just released their **Code of Conduct for Research Integrity** [[+Read more](#)].

The **UK House of Commons Science and Technology Committee** released a report which aptly observes that despite the initiatives set in place, a large part of ensuring good research practices relies on compliance monitoring. This needs to be in addition to the establishment of good research culture within institutions. [[+Read more](#)].

## 6<sup>th</sup> WCRI Abstract Submission

The **6<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Research Integrity** (6<sup>th</sup> WCRI) will be held in Hong Kong from 2nd—5th June 2019. Abstract submissions are now open and will close on **15th October 2018**.

To find out more about the conference, please visit the [WCRI website](#).



**Deadlines:** **NTU-IACUC:** Next due date for new AUP submissions is **5 December 2018**. [[+Read more](#)].  
**NTU-IRB:** New submissions are due on Mondays of every week.

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