

## **The Committee regarding questionable research practice at the IT University of Copenhagen**

The Committee regarding questionable research practice at the IT University of Copenhagen, The Practice Committee, has been established under the Danish Act on Scientific Dishonesty, etc. (Act No. 383 of 26/04/2017).

### **Committee tasks**

**§ 1.** The Practice Committee regarding questionable research practice (The Committee) has the task of:

- a) Decide in cases of breach of good scientific practice but not so far as to be scientific dishonesty,
- b) Contribute to clarifying the existing standards for good scientific practice, and
- c) Take the initiative to discuss the standards of good scientific practice.

*Clause 2.* The Committee issues an annual report on its activities to 'Nævnet for Videnskabelig Uredelighed'. Review of personal cases takes place in anonymous form.

### **Committee Constitution and Independence**

**§ 2.** The Committee has three members and elects its own chairman.

*Clause 2.* The Academic Council shall appoint members, who must be lecturers or professors at the IT University of Copenhagen, for three years. Reappointment can take place.

**§ 3.** The Committee is independent and the committee's decisions are not governed by the management's instructions.

### **Committee meetings**

**§ 4.** The Committee holds at least one meeting annually.

*Clause 2.* The meetings of the Committee are closed and the members of the Committee have confidentiality in respect of personal cases and cases which are otherwise covered by the provisions of the Code on confidentiality.

**§ 5.** The Committee shall be quorate when at least two members are present.

*Clause 2.* The decisions of the Committee shall be taken by a majority of votes. By voting, the chairman's vote is decisive.

### **Cases of breach of good scientific practice**

**§ 6.** The Committee is competent to deal with cases of breach of good scientific practice. If the case concerns scientific dishonesty, the Committee shall disseminate the complaint to the Vice-chancellor.

*Clause 2.* The Committee may request evidence, including in electronic form.

*Clause 3.* The Committee is not competent to decide on any personnel sanctions resulting from breach of good scientific practice.

**§ 7.** The Committee may process cases relating to research conducted at the IT University of Copenhagen, which is brought by a complainant. In addition, personnel managers may submit cases to the Committee, as well as the Committee on its own initiative may raise cases.

*Clause 2.* The Committee shall reject a case if:

- a) The complainant is anonymous,

- b) The complaint concerns circumstances that are more than five years old or if
- c) The complaint is manifestly unfounded.

**§ 8.** The Committee shall treat the parties equally, and each party shall have a reasonable opportunity to submit its case.

*Clause 2.* The parties shall have the right to be represented by an assessor.

**§ 9.** The members and experts of the Committee (see §10) must be independent and impartial and are obliged to leave the seat if there are circumstances which give rise to legitimate doubts as to its impartiality and independence.

*Clause 2.* Within 14 days after they became acquainted with the members and experts of the Committee, the parties may make a reasoned objection to the person concerned. The Committee shall decide whether the objection is to be upheld.

**§ 10.** The complainant must submit a written and reasoned complaint with any attachments to the Committee.

*Clause 2.* The Committee shall then send the complaint with any annexes to the accused who must provide written observations with any supporting documents to the Committee within four weeks of receiving the complaint.

*Clause 3.* The Committee may allow the parties to submit further comments.

*Clause 4.* The Committee may request the parties to comment on specific questions.

*Clause 5.* The Committee may decide to assume one or more experts to assess the matter and, if appropriate, propose additional steps to the action. An expert must treat the matter as confidential.

*Clause 6.* The expert's statement shall be sent to the parties who have 14 days to comment on it.

*Clause 7.* The Committee may amend the deadlines in clause 2 and 6.

*Clause 8.* The Committee shall decide on the matter when it is sufficiently stated. The decision of the Committee and any dissent shall be justified.

*Clause 9.* The decision of the Committee shall be sent to Executive Management, the complainant and the defendant.

*Clause 10.* The decision of the Committee cannot be brought to another administrative authority.