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Research Integrity & Ethics – are we getting it right? -

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Research Integrity ≠ Research Misconduct

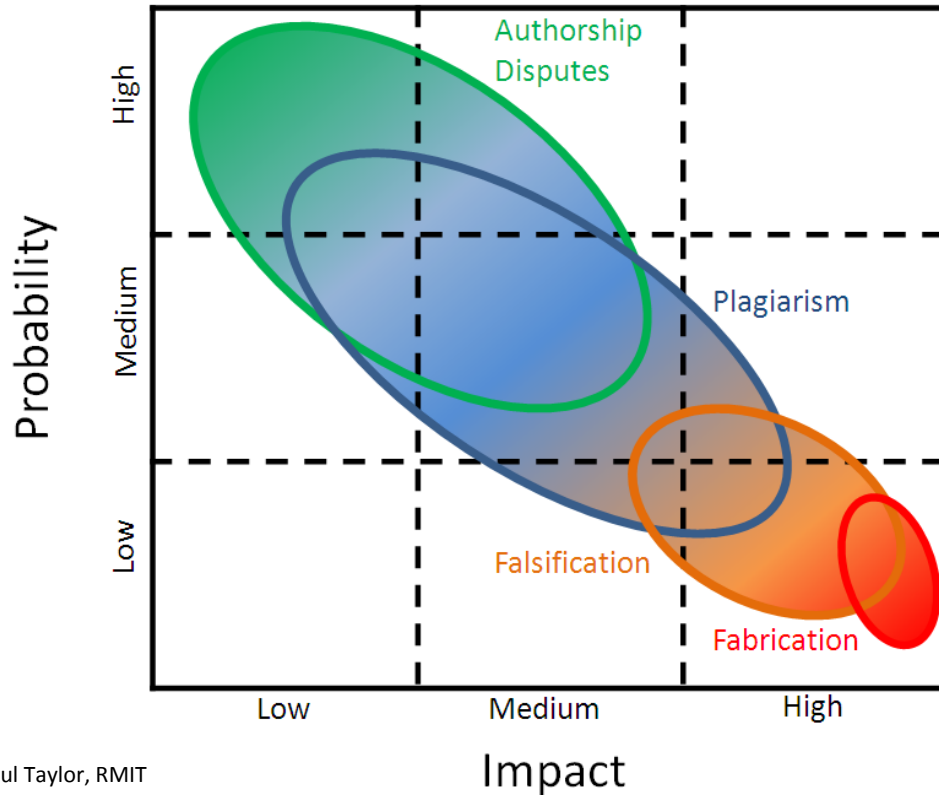
**Research Integrity should address Good
Research Practice/Responsible Conduct of
Research**

Research Misconduct

represents Failures at multiple levels

- the Individual
- the PI and Group/Laboratory
 - the Institution
 - the Funder
- the Government

Research Misconduct - Frequency and Impact



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There are Multiple Pressures on the Individual

'Stick-to-the-Basics'

- Staff
- Students

'Good-Manners-Cost- Nothing'

- Provide role models
- Modesty trumps hubris



'Life-is-Complicated'

- Family pressure
- Illness
- Financial stress

'The-Mind-Plays-Tricks'

- Fear of failure
- Perfectionism

'Winning-isn't-Everything'

Publications ■ Funding ■ Positions ■ Prestige

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Clear lines of action needed

- Mentor the Mentors
- Train the Trainers
- Educate the Researchers in Good Practice and Strong Ethics



Reproducibility is the Key

- Planning research including Data Management Planning - DMP
- Open access
- Transparency and accountability



The Mallorca Declaration on Open Science

- Open Science is essential if the world is to successfully address the major challenges that it now faces. To have impact, Open Science must be based on accessibility, transparency and integrity, enabling trusted collaboration for research excellence and optimal delivery.....

- Ensure research integrity







Need to give credit for Good Research Practice

- Conduct multiple experiments
- Ensure data is saved in multiple databases with ample security and date stamped and is searchable and accessible. Citing such sources gives credit to the researcher
- One-off data gathering (e.g. social surveys and clinical trials) has to be meticulous
- Outliers and negative results have to be reported
- Journals should publish/report repeat and replicability studies and negative outcomes



Need for International Collaboration in Research Integrity: the World Conferences on Research Integrity



- Second Conference (2010) → Singapore Statement on principles and responsibilities in Research Integrity 
- Third Conference (2013) → Montréal Statement on Integrity in Research Collaborations 
- Fifth Conference (2017) → Amsterdam Agenda to assess efforts to improve research integrity & the use of empirical information developing RI policies 
- Sixth Conference (2019) → Hong Kong Declaration? 

Need for International Collaboration in Research Integrity: Regional Networks in Research Integrity



ENRIO - European Network of Research Integrity Offices



APRI - Asia-Pacific Research Integrity Network



ARIN - African Research Integrity Network

MAJOR NEW CHALLENGES IN RESEARCH INTEGRITY

- Big increase in the number of researchers and volume of research funding
 - Increasing trend of international, multi-authored publications
 - Changing technologies
 - Open Access
- Imagery manipulation – technological advances lead to stricter rules from journals
 - Predatory Journals distorting publication
 - Rise of ‘contract’ PhDs – extra vigilance required



Thank You ! Merci! 谢谢! நன்றி
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