

University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice

CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCIENTISTS

of the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice

Internal Regulation No. 74

Preamble

The Code of Ethics for Scientists of the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice (hereinafter referred to as the "Code of Ethics" and "UVMP") lays down basic rules of scientists' conduct in research, education and training, publishing, distribution and interpretation of their results.

Art. I

General principles of ethical behaviour of scientists of UVMP

1. Scientists should consider science, research and development as an instrument for raising the level of knowledge, which is directly related to an improved quality of teaching and the university's prestige.
2. Scientists should make every effort to ensure that their research is beneficial to society and does not duplicate research that has already been conducted elsewhere.
3. Scientists must:
 - a) adhere to fundamental principles of scientific and research work and comply with the accepted criteria of scientificity and honour and respect the rules of research objectivity in the field concerned,
 - b) accept team collaboration and professional discussion, be open to matter-of-fact and correct reasoning in communication and foster creative dialogue,
 - c) respect different scientific views and a plurality of scientific and creative disciplines and behave correctly within scientific communities at home and abroad,
 - d) be personally accountable for scientific and research originality, procedures and results,
 - e) deem any fraud, ~~counterfeiting-falsification~~ and plagiarism in science, research and publishing of results unacceptable and counter any unethical and improper use of results,
 - f) not make available the scientific and research results obtained at UVMP to third parties in order to derive personal gain or place UVMP at a disadvantage,
 - g) take care to protect copyright and other intellectual property rights,
 - h) respect authorship and co-authorship of scientific publications, ensure that their publication conduct is not ethically dubious and cite in their publications the sources of information that they have used during their work in a true and formally correct way,
 - i) publish the scientific and research results that have been obtained with financial support from public funds, on terms applicable to the field concerned,
 - j) pursue their research career with integrity and according to the established rules,
 - k) respect and acknowledge ethical principles of putting scientific research results into practice,
 - l) not increase a citation count of their own papers by means of mutual arrangements with other authors and omit citing others for reasons of competition or personal bias,
 - m) broaden and deepen their knowledge and make every effort to improve their professional competence.

4. Scientists must obtain external grants and internal financial support in a lawful and correct manner, use financial and personal resources effectively and prevent conflicts of interest in obtaining financial support related to scientific and research activities.
5. Scientists abide by ethical rules concerning intellectual property protection in relation to copyright and industrial property rights, respect co-authorship and co-inventorship, oppose plagiarism, counterfeiting, misuse and withholding of results of intellectual creative activity, and ensure that technology application and transfer are conducted correctly.
6. When publishing their research results, scientists must, in addition to copyright rules, also respect publication and other rules concerning delivery of scientific research.
7. The Code of Ethics for Scientists of UVMP respects the European Charter for Researchers.

Art. II

Ethics Committee

1. Cases of infringement against the Code of Ethics are discussed by the Ethics Committee of UVMP. Applications for an assessment of a Code infringement are submitted to the Rector of UVMP.
2. The Ethics Committee of UVMP is the Rector's advisory body.
3. The Ethics Committee is appointed by the Rector of UVMP for each case individually (ad hoc). The number of committee members must be odd.
4. A quorum is achieved if an absolute majority of the Committee members are present. Minutes of meetings are submitted by the Chairman of the Ethics Committee to the Rector within 30 days of the date of receipt of an application for an assessment of a Code infringement.

Art. III

Final Provisions

1. The Code of Ethics is binding on all scientists, university teachers and PhD students of UVMP in relation to their research, education, training and publication activities and distribution and interpretation of their results.
2. The Code of Ethics shall enter into force and become effective on the day of its signature.

In Košice, on 29th January 2019

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