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Activity Report 2019

1. Affairs of the Association

Meetings:

General Assembly (GA): November 21, 2019

Meetings of the Commission: April 4 and October 4, 2019

Meetings of the Working Group on Controlling and Preventing Plagiarism: December 2, 2019

Board Meetings: May 27 and October 30, 2019

Board:

Klement Tockner, Chair of the Agency (and President of the FWF), was confirmed in his position by re-election for another two years.

There was a change in the representation of non-university research institutions at the Board of OeAWI: **Monika Schmoll** (AIT) handed over her mandate to **Verena Seiboth** (IST Austria) on November 21, 2019. She was elected by the General Assembly to the Board for two years.

With effect from July 1, 2019 **Eva Blimlinger** terminated her activities as Chair of Universities Austria (uniko) and Rector of the Academy of Fine Arts. The position on the Board was temporarily vacant and will be refilled in 2020. This is because the official election of the Chair of Universities Austria (uniko) took place after the General Assembly, in which the election of a member of the Board is held according to the statutes. Until the next General Assembly, the new Chair of Universities Austria (uniko) will be co-opted by the members of the Board of OeAWI.

Member Organisations:

In 2019, OeAWI registered growth in the number of member organizations. The six new full members are:

- **Bundesinstitut für Bildungsforschung, Innovation & Entwicklung des österreichischen Schulwesens (Bifie)** since May 1, 2019
- **International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)** since May 1, 2019
- **Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO)** since June 1, 2019
- **St. Anna Children's Cancer Research Institute (CCRI)** since October 1, 2019
- **Karl Landsteiner Privatuniversität für Gesundheitswissenschaften** since October1, 2019
- **Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft (LBG)** since October 1, 2019

Transparency International - Austrian Chapter (TI-AC) was welcomed as an extraordinary member ("mutual member") as of June 1, 2019.

Thus, the number of full members at the end of 2019 includes **44** institutions, while the number of extraordinary members rose to **3**.

Managing Director:

In the Board Meeting of May 27, 2019, **Nicole Foeger**, Head of the Administrative Office, was unanimously appointed by the Board as Managing Director of the OeAWI for a period of two years (note: before that, the position Managing Director was also the task of the Chair of the Board).
At the same time, it was suggested to extend the term of office of the Managing Director to four years, which required a change in the statutes. This was decided in the General Assembly.
Like the statutes, the Rules of Procedure for the Managing Director were prepared by **Karl-Gerhard Straßl** and **Martina Baravalle** (both lawyers at mdw) and approved by the Board.

Administrative Office-Staff:

After the completion of the EU project ENERI at the end of August 2019, the temporary employment of **Birgit Buschbom** as project staff member ended.
Since September 2019, **Teodora Konach** works at the administrative office of the OeAWI for 30 hours a week on two EU-Projects: VIRT^{2}UE and SOPs4RI. She is responsible for the implementation of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Guidelines for RPOs &RFOs, designed and developed within the SOPs4RI project at the institutional level. She is also involved in organizing and giving trainings and workshops to facilitate the Good Scientific Practice.
Samuel Muehllechner has been supporting the office since October 15, 2019 based on a marginal employment. He is primarily employed for administrative tasks for the office.

GDPR:

The implementation of the provisions of the new basic data protection regulation, which entered into force on May 25, 2018, was largely completed in 2018. The data processing inventory was drawn up in 2019 with the assistance of Stanonik Law Firm.

2. Raising Awareness and Prevention

Train-the-Trainer:

The OeAWI considers itself a driving force for the implementation of the Standards of Good Scientific Practice (GSP) in research. In response to requests of the member organizations of the OeAWI, the agency has developed a training program entitled "Train-the-Trainer", which is to demonstrate didactic methods to foster GSP.

On Mai 23 and 24, 2019, the second Train-the-Trainer (TtT) workshop was held in English language. A total of 19 participants from different member organizations participated in this workshop. Another Train-the-Trainer workshop was held on October 17 and 18, 2019, in German language with 13 participants.

In an interactive setting (case studies, role plays, kick-off speeches), future trainers are instructed in the fundamentals of research integrity, the avoidance of research misconduct and questionable, unacceptable research practices. Special attention is paid to the presentation of didactic methods fostering GSP.

The next Train-the-Trainer is planned to take place in June 2020 in Graz.

Working Group on Controlling and Preventing Plagiarism:

The working group met once in 2019 (December). In addition to the topic of plagiarism software and its implementation at the individual universities, the issues ghostwriting, forged certificates, "diploma mills" etc. and the national and international developments in this area were discussed in detail at the meeting.

Consultation:

In the course of 2019, the Administrative Office attended to 54 inquiries (e-mails, phone calls and personal consultation sessions). They pertained to:

- Authorship
- Contract research
- Supervision problems
- Plagiarism and plagiarism detection software
- Referencing standards
- Data management (who owns data, who may present data, deadlines for data storage)
- Possible data manipulation
- Methods
- EU-projects (dealing with cooperation partners, data, responsibilities for research integrity)
- Cumulative dissertation versus monograph
- Quality of theses, reproduction of opinions in theses

- Reviewers
- Intellectual property, theft of ideas
- Ethics approvals
- Bodies for the enforcement of ethics standards or standards of research integrity (e.g. ethics committees, ombudspersons, commissions for research integrity)
- questions of research ethics
- GSP guidelines
- Others: Discrimination, fairness in job application procedures, mobbing/bullying

Events, Workshops, Presentations:

Workshops and presentations on good scientific practice focused on the following topics: Research integrity in national and international contexts; principles of good scientific practice; planning and implementation of research projects; data management (documentation, data archiving, data ownership, data use in collaborative projects, etc.); responsible use of research findings; publication and authorship; responsibilities and supervision relationship; responsible cooperation with colleagues; conflicts of interest; peer review; research misconduct; "sloppy science"; questionable and unacceptable research practices; discussion of fictitious cases of research misconduct.

Presentations on the Activities of the Agency (OeAWI)

1/10-11	**Lecture** (in English) Kick-Off Meeting **Path2Integrity**, Coburg
1/23-25	**Lecture** (in English) **EMBO**, Heidelberg
1/30	**Lecture** (in English) **Mutual Learning Exercise (MLE)**, Oslo
3/12-13	**Lecture** (in English) **Mutual Learning Exercise (MLE)**, Athens
5/14	**Lecture** (in English) **Mutual Learning Exercise (MLE)**, Paris
5/21	**Lecture** (in English) **National Conference on Research Integrity**, Banska Bystrica
6/25-26	**Lecture** (in English) **Mutual Learning Exercise (MLE)**, Vilnius
9/26	**Lecture** (in German) **UniWind, Leibnitz Forum,** Vienna
10/24-25	**Lecture** (in English) **Peer Learning Activity (PLA) Meeting Academic Integrity and Research Integrity**, Larnaca
10/28-29	**Lectures** (in English) **ENERI Final Conference,** Brussels
12/20	**Lecture and discussion** (in English) on **RI training in Austria and Europe**, at the invitation of the Japanese **Ministry MEXT**, Tokyo

Lectures, Workshops, Seminars, and Panel Discussions on "Good Scientific Practice"

1/21	**Lecture** (in English) **Bifie Salzburg**
2/26	**Lecture** (in English) Welcome Days for doctoral students, **University of Vienna**
4/11	**Workshop** (conducted in English) **University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna**
4/25	**Workshop** (conducted in English) for doctoral students at the PhD Center of the **University of Vienna**
5/7	**Panel discussion** (in German), **Norica**, Vienna
17/5	**Workshop** (conducted in German) for doctoral students at the course „Grundlagen wissenschaftlichen Arbeitens, Bioethik und Medizinethik", **Medical University of Vienna**
5/18	**Lecture** (in German) Annual meeting of the institute directors in the German-speaking Faculty of Cultural and Social Anthropology, **ÖAW**
5/23-24	**OeAWI Train-the-Trainer** course (conducted in German)
6/2-6	**Programme Committee** and **Chair** in various sessions **6th World Conference on Research Integrity (WCRI), Hong Kong** **Poster presentation** (in English) of the results of **ENERI** (Birgit Buschbom) **Lecture** (in English) of the first results of **VIRT^{2}UE** (Armin Schmolmueller)
6/14	**Workshop** (conducted in English) for doctoral students at **MFPL**, Vienna
6/17	**Lecture** (in German) **Vienna University of Economics and Business**
9/24	**Lecture** (in English) Welcome Days for doctoral students, **University of Vienna**
9/25	**Panel discussion** (in German) **Wiener Tage der akademischen Integrität, mdw**
10/17-18	**OeAWI Train-the-Trainer** course (conducted in German)
11/5	**Workshop** (conducted in German) for scientific staff at **FH Joanneum**, Graz
11/13	**Workshop** (conducted in German) for lecturers and academic directors, **Danube University Krems**
11/14	**Workshop** (conducted in German) for doctoral students, **Danube University Krems**
11/14-15	**Workshop** (conducted in English) **Austrian Development Agency (ADA)** and **Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI)**, Pristina
12/06	**Lecture** (in German) Prüfärztekurs, **Medical University Innsbruck**

Wiener Tage der Akademischen Integrität

The „Wiener Tage der Akademische Integrität" at the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna (mdw) took place on September 25 and 26, 2019. Since the conference was discussing plagiarism as one of the challenges for Good Scientific Practice, the emphasis was laid on prevention, training, and ghostwriting. The program consisted of lectures, seminars and workshops and provided many opportunities to exchange with experts from the higher education sector in German speaking countries. The OeAWI was present with a booth at the

exhibition area. Furthermore, **Klement Tockner** and **Nicole Foeger** participated in the plenary discussion „Wissens(un)kultur - Wissenskultur(en)" together with **Andrea Schenker-Wicki** (Rector of the Universität Basel), **Johannes Meissl** (Artist and designated vice Rector of mdw) and **Ursula Hemetek** (Ethnomusicologist and Wittgenstein-laureate mdw).

3. Activities of the Commission for Research Integrity

The Commission for Research Integrity received a total of 14 requests in 2019. The Administrative Office was responsible for the organizational and content-related preparation of the meetings, supported the commission members in their communication with affected persons, whistleblowers, experts and the institutions involved (usually universities and research institutions) and advised the commission members.

The questions to the commission were about the following issues: disputed right of (co)authorship, theft of ideas, various inquiries regarding suspected plagiarism in theses, publications and conference contributions, incorrect interpretation of data or evaluation of data, deliberate distortion of data, concerns regarding ethical principles, assistance in the search for reviewers abroad.

New Members of the Commission:

At the beginning of 2019, there was a change in the chairmanship of the Commission for Research Integrity: **Stephan Rixen**, member of the Commission since June 2012 and Chair of the Commission from October 2015 to December 2018, ended his third and last term of office. **Gerd Mueller** was elected by the Commission as its new Chair.

Michael Hagner and **Eveline Baumgart-Vogt** retired from the Commission at the end of their current terms of office in October 2019. **Michael Hagner** was Member of the Commission responsible for Humanities from October 2015 to October 2019. He was succeeded by **Philipp Theisohn**, professor for Modern German Literature at the University of Zurich. **Susanne Modrow** from the Institute for Medical Microbiology and Hygiene Regensburg is now responsible for the field of Life Sciences. She takes over the position from **Eveline Baumgart-Vogt**, who was Member of the Commission for two years. **Stephan Rixen** was succeeded as Member of the Commission for Law by **Alexandra Kemmere**r from the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law Heidelberg and Berlin.

The three new Commission Members took up their duties at the Commission Meeting in early October 2019.

4. EU Projects

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European Network of Research Ethics and Research Integrity

The core objective of this EU project is the facilitation of an intensive exchange of information between experts in research ethics and research integrity as well as a harmonization of processes in ethics reviews and investigations of alleged research misconduct. Essential project partners are ENRIO (European Network of Research Integrity Offices) and EUREC (European Network of Research Ethics Committees). The Austrian Agency for Research Integrity (OeAWI) is a member of the ENRIO network and acts as project partner on behalf of ENRIO. The EU project started in September 2016 and ended in August 2019 (cost-neutral extension until October 2019).

Deliverables:

In order to learn more about different national structures and initiatives on RI country reports of more than 20 European countries were developed. The country reports include information on initiatives taken to have a national structure on research integrity and on established national structures on research integrity. Together they give an overview of the diverse national structures on research integrity (in process) in Europe, with its similarities and differences.

At a joint meeting EUREC/ENRIO representatives of both networks discussed the cooperation between ENRIO and EUREC. The group decided to improve the exchange of perspectives and experiences and to enhance their cooperation. One important step was the European representation of RECs and RIOs at a joint stand during the WCRI in Hong Kong, June 2019.

At its Final Conference ENERI invited leading ethics and research integrity experts, researchers, policy makers, representatives from industry, research funding organizations, civil society and other stakeholders to present and discuss the concepts and products developed during the 3 years term of project duration. The main ones amongst others are ENERI e-Community, RI Handbook, the decision tree and the ENERI classroom.

More information is available at www.eneri.eu.

VIRT²UE (June 2018 – May 2021)

The EU project VIRT²UE (Virtue based Ethics and Integrity of Research: Train-the-Trainer program for upholding the principles and practices of the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity) was launched in June 2018.
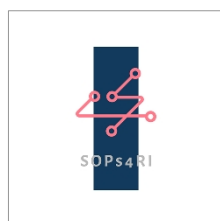
The aim of this EU-project is to develop a sustainable Train-the-Trainer program to facilitate research ethics and research integrity. In order to foster Good Scientific Practice sustainably, the principles of the ECoC (The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity) shall not only be imparted as a number of guidelines but also as a set of virtues. For this purpose, a variety of combinable teaching and learning materials (e.g. e-learning courses, YouTube videos, case studies) will be developed, updated and disseminated among academic teachers. The educational materials will be created to be applicable within a blended learning approach (combination of online training and face-to-face sessions). The OeAWI will make a significant contribution to the production of the online materials, which will be embedded in a YouTube-channel and a specially designed MOOC (Massive Open Online Course).

The results and materials originated from this EU project will be made available via open access at the dedicated platform Embassy of Good Science (www.embassy.science).

Deliverables:

The first deliverable „Delivery of first educational videos on a dedicated YouTube channel", for which the OeAWI is the work package leader, is completed. For the first three videos experts at the World Conference for Research Integrity were asked about developments, trainings, and challenges for research integrity. By the end of January 2020, the „Delivery of first MOOC courses for VIRT²UE toolbox" was due. Since the VIRT²UE training program applies blended learning, the first three eLearning courses were developed as a preparation for the face-to-face sessions of the train-the-trainer. They are already in use for the first trainings across Europe and will be available publicly soon at the online platform Embassy of Good Science.

In 2020, the following deliverables are due: Development and publication of seven further YouTube Videos until end of May, 2020, as well es the development of a toolbox for trainers to support the implementation of the face-to-face sessions of the VIRT²UE Train-the-Trainer program, likewise due by the end of May 2020.

SOPs4RI

SOPs4RI is a multi-partner project funded by the European Commission, that aims at promoting a strong research integrity culture in line with the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity.

It deals with how individual RI initiatives (Standard Operating Procedures, SOPs) are implemented at the institutional level (RFOs and RPOs). The idea is to develop an online, freely accessible and easy-to-use toolbox, which institutions can use to promote and facilitate integrity of research and prevent, as well as detect and investigate research misconduct. The OeAWI is responsible for piloting the SOPs in selected institutions, amongst them the FWF and the GUILD (an academic network, that comprises nineteen of Europe's most distinguished research-intensive universities in fourteen countries). One of the recent tasks of the project, in which OeAWI is strongly involved, is to create a policy assessment and a strategic document on discipline-sensitive SOPs, that can be used for the contractual documents for the programme Horizon Europe.

The project duration is from January 2019 to December 2022.

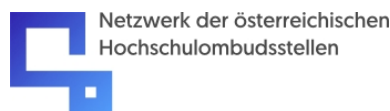For more information on this project see: www.sops4ri.eu

5. National Networks, Cooperations and Events

Working Group of the Austrian University Conference on Research Ethics und Research Integrity

Upon the request of the Ministry, a working group on the topic of "Research Ethics and Research Integrity" was established in April 2018. The working group is chaired by **Klement Tockner**. The purpose of this working group is to draft a national document on Research Integrity (RI) and Research Ethics (RE). The OeAWI is strongly involved in this process and is part of the editorial team. The Practical Guide is being finalized in cooperation with **Klaus Taschwer**, science journalist at the daily newspaper Der Standard, and has been reviewed by four independent experts. The document is expected to be published in summer 2020.

The Practical Guide is formulated for all universities, universities of applied sciences and non-university research institutions and should contain clear recommendations for action. It is designed as a living document and could be adapted if necessary.

More information: http://www.hochschulplan.at

Austrian Network for Ombudsmen in Higher Education

In order to increase the collaboration of all ombuds offices and support their further growth, an informal Austrian network of all existing ombudsman-offices and similar (mediation) organizations was established in June 2016 in Klagenfurt. One of the first joint activities was the production of the brochure "Ombudsstellen und ähnliche Einrichtungen im österreichischen Hochschul- und Forschungsraum" in 2016.

On March 18, 2019, the Network organised a workshop on "Coaching as a counselling instrument in the higher education sector". The workshop with 17 participants* took place under the direction of Dr. **Veronika Fuest**, Göttingen, and **Helga Nolte**, Hamburg.

For more information see: www.hochschulombudsnetz.at

RRI-Plattform Österreich

The OeAWI is a member of the RRI Platform. This organization considers itself a competency network. It gathers relevant knowledge and experience connected to national and international RRI projects; promotes research exchange; raises awareness of the RRI concept among stakeholders and the general public; supports RRI projects and through these activities, assists implementing RRI in Austria. Every two or three months, the members get together for a meeting.

For more details, see the website: www.rri-plattform.at

6. International Networks, Cooperations and Events

ENRIO - European Network of Research Integrity Offices

The European Network of Research Integrity Offices (ENRIO) is an informal network serving the purpose of promoting the exchange among national and other institutions that deal with questions about research integrity. **Nicole Foeger** was chair of the network from April 2012 to October 2018.

The first biannual ENRIO meeting of 2019 was held in Prague on March 25-26, 2019, hosted by the Czech Academy of Sciences. The meeting gathered 40 participants from more than 30

member organizations. Prior to the meeting, two parallel working groups were held on training and ENRIO statutes. In the meeting, ENRIO Chair **Sanna-Kaisa Spoof** presented the *ENRIO Action plan* for 2019-2022 and the next steps for turning ENRIO into a legal entity.

New ENRIO member are the Office of the Ombudsperson for Academic Ethics and Procedures in Lithuania and the German Research Foundation DFG.

The second ENRIO meeting was held in Cracow September 25-26, 2019, hosted by the National Science Center of Poland. Representatives of the OeAWI were not able to attend the meeting since the „Wiener Tage der Akademische Integrität" took place at the same time in Vienna.

In October 2020, the first ENRIO Conference is planned to take place in Helsinki, **Nicole Foeger** is member of the Programme Planning Committee. A first planning meeting took place in June, 2019.
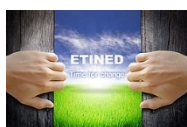
More information is available at www.enrio.eu

EnTIRE - **Mapping Normative Frameworks for Ethics and Integrity of Research**

EnTIRE is an EU-funded project with the aim of creating an online platform on which all information on research ethics and research integrity can be found. **Nicole Foeger** participates in the consortium meetings as a member of the Advisory Board. This is also of great importance for the EU project VIRT^{2}UE, as these two projects are seen as a common vision and the respective results and findings are made available to the (scientific) public on a common platform.

For more information on EnTIRE, see www.entireconsortium.eu

ETINED - Pan-European Platform on Ethics, Transparency and Integrity in Education

ETINED is a network of specialists appointed by the Council of Europe and the Contracting States to the European Cultural Convention. The idea is that high quality education is only achieved and corruption effectively addressed if society commits itself to fundamental positive ethical principles. **Nicole Foeger** was nominated by the Austrian Ministry of Science to represent Austria on the platform. A meeting was held in Prague from 28 to 29 November 2019. Important topics were "Combatting education fraud" and "Promoting integrity in higher education".

More information can be found at: https://www.coe.int/en/web/ethics-transparency-integrity-in-education

MLE - Mutual Learning Exercise regarding RI

The Directorate-General for Research and Innovation has established a Policy Support Facility (PSF) under Horizon 2020. The aim of the PSF is to support evidence-based policy-making with a strong service orientation. To this end, the MLE will identify best practice examples and derive success factors from robust data analyses. **Nicole Foeger** was nominated by the Ministry of Science as Austrian representative in the working group.

This project was initiated by France, 14 European countries were participating. The group has chosen the following main topics in the field of research integrity: Processes and Structures, Dialogue and Communication, Incentives and Training. There are now reports on all these areas, which are published on the MLE website. In 2019, four country visits (Oslo, Athens, Paris and Vilnius) were held. At the ENERI Final Conference at the end of October in Brussels, the final event of MLE also took place.

For more information see:

rio.jrc.ec.europa.eu/en/policy-support-facility/mle-research-integrity

Path2Integrity

Path2Integrity will support formal and informal learning methods like research integrity role-models and rotatory role-playing and will contribute to establishing a culture of research integrity. The training addresses everyone either directly or indirectly involved in research, including secondary school students, undergraduates, graduates, and young researchers. **Nicole Foeger** is member of the advisory board of the project.

More information is available: www.path2integrity.eu

PRINT – Practices, Perceptions, and Patterns of Research Integrity

The PRINT project is located at the Danish Centre for Studies in Research and Research Policy (CFA), Aarhus University. The project aims at a detailed mapping and better understanding of research practices in Denmark and a strengthening of the Danish Code of Conduct. The focus is on "questionable research practices (QRP)", the aim being to identify them in the various disciplines. For comparison, the survey is also carried out in other countries, including Austrian universities. **Nicole Foeger** is on the Advisory Board of the project.

More information can be found at: print-cfa.dk/about/

The sixth World Conference on Research Integrity (WCRI) in Hong Kong was held between June 2 and 5, 2019. The conference was concerned with challenges for the integrity of scientific research. The contributions discussed, among others, Open Access and Open Science, increasing the reproducibility of research findings, international differences in assessing research misconduct, as well as measures to establish trust in research findings. Furthermore, best practice examples were presented for trainings aiming to facilitate Good Scientific Practice, as well as for procedures dealing with research misconduct. The 6th WCRI resulted in a joint document, namely the *Hong Kong Principles* (https://wcrif.org/guidance/hong-kong-principles), which aim for an assessment of researchers in line with research integrity.

Among the 700 participants from different nations, also 10 representatives of Austrian institutions, research funding organisations, as well as the OeAWI were attending. **Nicole Foeger** was active as member of the organisation as well as programm commitee of the conference, and as member of the governing board of the WCRI Foundation. **Birgit Buschbom** presented the results from the ENERI-Project with the poster „The European Network of Research Ethics and Research Integrity (ENERI)". In the oral presentation „Recognition of the precarious academic self – notes toward a performative virtue approach in professional RI training and its practical implications" **Armin Schmolmüller** presented the first results regarding the conception of online training materials for the project VIRT²UE.

You can find more information on the conference at: wcrif.org/wcri2019

7. Participation in policy documents and publications

Working Group of the Austrian University Conference on Research Ethics und Research Integrity (AG HSK)

At the request of the Ministry, this national working group on Research Ethics (RE) and Research Integrity (RI) was established within Universities Austria (uniko). The goal is to develop a Practical Guide on RI and RE. The OeAWI is actively involved in this process and is part of the editorial team; the guideline is to be adopted in 2020.

Recommendations for the Issue of Dual Use:

The Dual Use Recommendations, drafted by **Iris Eisenberger** (BOKU), was discussed in the General Assembly in 2018. Subsequently, a workshop with interested persons from some member organizations took place in March 2019, where **Michael Strassnig** (WWTF) agreed to revise the draft together with **Iris Eisenberger**. Due to ambiguities, especially concerning the terminology, the work on the draft was stopped.

At the General Assembly 2019, the member organizations decided to suspend the preparation of the Dual Use Guidelines for the time being and to discuss the topic again after the publication of the Practical Guide of the AG HSK.

ENRIO Handbook for the Investigation of Research Misconduct:

In March 2019, the ENRIO Handbook **"Recommendations for the Investigation of Research Misconduct"** was completed as a deliverable of the ENERI project. The OeAWI was strongly involved as project partner.

Hong Kong Principles for Assessing Researchers:

The Hong Kong Principles for assessing researchers were formulated and endorsed at the 6th WCRI 2019 in Hong Kong. The principles have been developed with the idea in mind that their implementation could help to assess researchers for career advancement with a focus on behaviors that strengthen research integrity. **Nicole Foeger** is a co-author of the publication. Five principles were formulated:

1. assess responsible research practices
2. value complete reporting
3. reward the practice of open science
4. acknowledge a broad range of research activities
5. recognize essential other tasks like peer review and mentoring

In addition, examples on how to adopt those principles will be provided.

About the OeAWI

The **Austrian Agency for Research Integrity (OeAWI**) was established as an association in 2008 by its twelve founding members. The association has now grown to more than 40 member institutions, including all Austrian public universities, universities of applied sciences, various non-university research institutions and research funding agencies. The Agency is funded entirely by its membership dues, the amount of which is based on the size of each member institution.

Key Tasks of the OeAWI:

The Agency makes its knowledge available for the sake of **preventing research misconduct** and **raising awareness**. It also offers advice to inquiring parties on issues related to research integrity. Furthermore, the Agency offers lectures and workshops on the topic of Good Scientific Practice for member institutions.

The Austrian **Commission for Research Integrity** is an independent body of the Agency, which was established to deal with specific cases of alleged research misconduct. The Commission consists of eight members — all of whom renowned researchers in their respective fields. In order to guarantee the independence from the Austrian science and research system, all seven voting members of the Commission are from abroad. Since May 2018 an Austrian legal scholar serves on the Commission as a nonvoting member clarifying questions about the Austrian legal system. The Commission provides a neutral and factual platform for investigating (suspected) cases of research misconduct thoroughly and objectively. It operates on the basis of its Rules of Procedure and the Guidelines for Good Scientific Practice (attached to the Rules of Procedures — available at www.oeawi.at).

The OeAWI is a member of the **European Network of Research Integrity Offices (ENRIO)** and thus internationally strongly connected with similar organizations. At this time, more than 20 European countries have their national bodies responsible for research integrity represented in ENRIO. From April 2012 to October 2018 Nicole Foeger has served as Chair of ENRIO.

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