

Quote of the Month

"Rather fail with honor than succeed by fraud." -Sophocles

After a Series of Scandals, China Issues Rules Banning Dishonest Practices in Science Journals

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BEIJING (AP)—After a series of scandals, Chinese regulators overseeing the field of academic publishing for scientific articles have issued rules explicitly banning dishonest practices.

The directive, dated Nov. 23 but released Wednesday, forbids Chinese scientists from using a third party to write journal articles, using a third party to submit articles, hiring a third party to substantially revise articles, providing fake peer review information, or giving authorship to scientists who have not substantially contributed to the research.

The directive from the country's leading science organizations and ministries, including the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Ministry of Education, comes after several international science journals this year rejected or retracted submissions from Chinese scientists, citing academic dishonesty.

The scandals raised concerns about the credibility of China's scientists, and Chinese authorities said in a note accompanying the rules that the incidents have hurt the international reputation of China's scientific work.

In March, BioMed retracted 43 papers following an investigation that raised suspicions of fake peer reviews. Chinese state media said 41 of the papers came from Chinese scientists...

<http://www.usnews.com/news/science/news/articles/2015/12/04/china-issues-rules-banning-dishonesty-in-science-publishing>

Technology's Role in Plagiarism and Trying to Prevent It

By: Mark Brodie & Steve Goldstein
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Arizona State University has more than 21,000 so-called digital immersion students. Those are students who are fully online.

Bruce Matsunaga is director of digital technology for ASU's English department. He spoke about plagiarism and how the department uses software to keep track of how students are using research material.

From the Director

A "Visit" with Integrity

(With apologies to the author of "A Visit from St. Nicholas")

'Twas the night before finals and standardized testing
A night filled with cramming and "mental digesting"
There was writing, and quizzing, and practice and reading
And working out problems 'til eyeballs were bleeding.

In the midst of the chaos, a message was spreading
"You don't have to stress about tests you've been dreading!
Instead of the hours of learning and thinking
You could be out with friends, having parties and drinking!
We'll take the tests for you, and write all your papers!
You'll get your degree by the fruits of our labors!"

The offer was tempting; The students considered
An easy way out of the test-taking blizzard?
Good grades without working? Degrees for the asking?
Shutting the books? Spending free time, relaxing?

But what would it mean – A degree without struggling?
Without learning to manage the tasks they'd been juggling?
Would they feel half as proud of degrees without work?
Or instead, see a mirror And then think, "I'm a Jerk."

So the students decided to continue trying.
They knew what was offered was not worth their buying.
The next day they tested and turned in their papers
Knowing grades were well earned, and all through their labors.

When they walked up on stage and collected degrees,
They looked back on their time: It had not been a breeze
But they knew the diplomas they got had been earned
By the sweat of their brows – by the things they had learned!

They could look at themselves in the mirror and see
Education is more than a grade or degree!
It's the choices you make that decide who you are.
And integrity's part of what makes you a star.

Happy Holidays, everyone!
~Teddi Fishman

ASU students have started their final exams; their counterparts at the University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University will start in the coming days. With finals often comes essays, and with essays, concerns about plagiarism. Teddi Fishman, director of the International Center for Academic Integrity at Clemson University, spoke about the issue.

Click the link below to hear the full interview!
<http://kjzz.org/content/234513/technologys-role-plagiarism-and-trying-prevent-it>

Announcements

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Register TODAY to join us in New Mexico from February 18-21, 2016!

General Information:

<http://www.academicintegrity.org/icai/event-s-1.php>

Registration Page:

<http://www.academicintegrity.org/icai/event-s-1a.php>

To receive **Early Bird rates**, you must register **AND submit credit card payment by January 25, 2016**. To pay by check, payment must be postmarked by **January 19, 2016**.



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Get Ahead in Russia? Lie about your Education

By: Leonid Bershidsky 12/18/2015
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The negative selection that pushes the worst people to the top in corrupt societies is not easy to document. A group of activists concerned with the integrity of academic qualifications recently found a way to show and even quantify how this works in Russia.

The group, Dissnet, uses software developed by one of its founders, the physicist Andrei Rostovtsev, to find instances of plagiarism in doctoral theses. In its three years of operation, Dissnet has uncovered dozens of scandalous cases. Recently, for example, it found that Sergei Naryshkin, the parliament speaker and a member of President [Vladimir Putin's](#) loyalist United Russia party, cribbed part of his 2004 economics thesis from an article by the well-known anti-Putin economist Vladislav Inozemtsev. "It's pretty funny that a ranking United Russia member decided to turn to my article," Inozemtsev commented. "I guess he found it to be of good quality."

Dissnet has attempted to draw general conclusions from its findings. It discovered that the higher a Ph.D. rose in the Russian state hierarchy, the more likely it was that his doctoral thesis had been plagiarized...

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-wp-blm-russia-plagiarism-comment-b2e13c80-a5b3-11e5-8318-bd8caed8c588-20151218-story.html>

National Group Issues Report Critical of Regents' Process to Hire Bruce Harreld

By: Max Walker 12/10/2015
ABC KCRG-TV 9

Iowa City, Iowa (KCRG-TV9)—A national organization representing higher education faculty investigating the Iowa Board of Regents' process in hiring Bruce Harreld as University of Iowa President has issued a report critical of how the regents handled the search's later stages.

"We are persuaded that the search was structured and engineered by the regents' leadership from the outset to identify a figure from the business world congenial to its image of 'transformative leadership,'" the report said, echoing criticism from faculty and student groups at the university about the search process and Harreld in particular. "Once such a person was identified, the rest of what followed was only an illusion of an open, honest search."

The report focuses on the time after the search committee interviewed numerous candidates at a hotel near O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, when the regents assumed full control over deciding between the top candidates...

<http://www.kcrg.com/content/news/National-Group-Issues-Report-Critical-of-Regents-Process-to-Hire-Bruce-Harreld-361444151.html>

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