## **FWO**

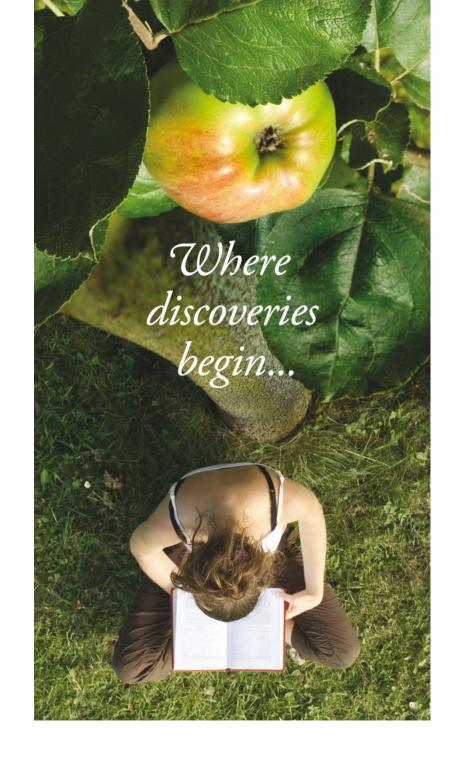
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# **Research Integrity**

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#### **General Context**

#### What is Research Integrity?

- 2009, Ethical code of the scientific research(Belgian Royal Academies and Belspo)
- 2005, European charter for researchers
- 2010, Singapore Statement on Research Integrity
  (2nd World Conference on Research Integrity)
- 2010-2011, European Code of Conduct for Research
  Integrity (ESF and ALLEA)



# Flemish Commision for Scientific Integrity (VCWI)

1. Already institutional commissions

2. An initiative from FWO in 2011

Hosted by the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the arts (KVAB)

4. Its role:



## **European Level**

- Science Europe: dedicated Working Group
- European Network of Research Integrity Offices(ENRIO)
  - Informal international network of experts in scientific integrity
     Founded in 2007, members from more than 18 European
     member states
  - · Aims:
    - stimulating the debate on scientific deontology
    - exchanging experiences and best practices



# What are violations of Research Integrity?

#### Clear cases:

- plagiarism
- production or manipulation of data
- Abusing one's higher hierarchical position to claim young researchers' work
- · dishonestly present one's self as first author
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- 2. Work in progress
- Exchange of data and experiences is crucial



# **Fading Norms**

- FWO's researchers under disciplinary authority of their host institution
- In application process already highly questionable practices
- Discipline required, notwithstanding increasing pressure on researchers
- 4. FWO sees to respect of its rules and intervenes



### **Financial Fraud**

- System audit
- The FWO will send revisers to the universities to exert control on the big projects that have ended,
- For the smaller projects the check will be limited to random samples,
- This system has been operative for some years; no grave abuses have been found.
- The FWO itself is being supervised