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# Processes and Structures

In the Republic of Moldova there are institutional Ethics Committees established by the administrative structures (in cases of Universities - Senates) or at the disposal of the head of the institution – the case of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova (approved by its administrative structure).

Also, there are known cases of public Ethics Committees, established at the national bodies disposal \*e.g. ex National Committee for Accreditation and Attestation, now part of the National Agency for Quality Assurance in Education and Research



- In cases of **Universities** – there are Ethics Committees dealing especially with professional ethics and their meetings are organized ad hoc, in case of necessity.
- In practice these committees are mostly inert and exists only on paper, as far as e.g. cases of students plagiarism are not proposed for discussion in these committees.
- Rarely, they discuss also public conduct of its employees (professors).



- The case of [State University for Medicine and Pharmaceutics](#) is more interesting:
- There are 2 Ethics committees in this institution – one is dealing with professional ethics issues (as in other universities too) and the second one - The Ethic committee for research - is dealing with evaluation of research proposal.
- The Ethic committee for research is more organized as far as all the research proposal that were proposed for financing are evaluated for respecting Ethics and Bioethics Code.
- At the same time, in the university is functioning a Chair on Philosophy and Bioethics and its professors gained their specialization in the USA, trough the MA and PhD programs.



- The Ethic committee of the [Academy of Sciences](#) is composed by 7 persons (as far as in the structure of the ASM were 6 scientific section – one representative per section and one person from the high hierarchy of the institution). Its members are academicians with a very high reputation in community and society.
- Its meeting are organized also ad hoc, based on public information about misconducts in research or in case of somebody's/personal addressing the hierarchy of the institution.
- This committee was in charge to deal with all research community, at the moment only with Academy's member.
- Usually, its meetings are closed for other participants. Sometimes there are public made decision, sometimes not.
- The national research institutions at the moment have no ethic committees



- The case of public ethic / expertise committee.
- We had in our country this experience when the president of the ex National Committee of Accreditation and Attestation – dealing inclusively with approval of doctoral titles - was pushed by the situation to create a [public/national committee of experts](#) in order to decide on accusation of plagiarism addressed to a public person.
- All the process was in public attention and the decision of this committees was also public.



# New actions and documents

- National Agency for Quality Assurance in Education and Research (rom. ANACEC) very recently has approved the Ethic and Professional Deontology Code for Scientific and Scientific-didactical Personnel  
<http://www.cnaa.md/normative-acts/normative-acts-anacec-attestation/ethical-code/>
- Unfortunately, it has not been promoted publicly
- As well, the ANACEC has established a Ethic Committee  
<http://www.cnaa.md/normative-acts/normative-acts-anacec-attestation/ethics-committee/>



# Incentives

- Mostly, the incentives for Research Integrity are deductible once respecting the rules: getting the scientific and didactic degrees, accrediting the scientific journals, obtaining financing for research projects and editing monographs, being awarded the national and scientific prizes etc.
- Some “integrated” incentives:
  - Nominal and Excellence Bourses for promising MA and PhD students
  - The Award for the best PhD thesis of the year





# General observation

- In the present documents that are governing the science system in Moldova, there are written a lot of punishment conditions regarding breaking the rules of RI.
- At the same time, there are not stipulated directly positive incentives for respecting Research Integrity

