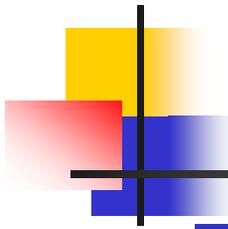


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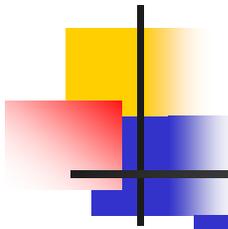
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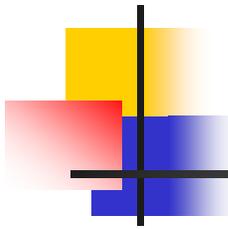
Representation

- Co-Chairs: Tina Boesz, Dr.P.H., USA
Nigel Lloyd, Canada
- 26 countries and international bodies represented



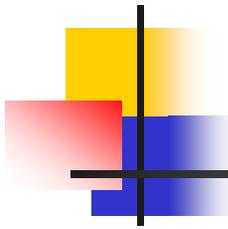
Representation

- Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, EC, ESF, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Switzerland, South Africa, Turkey, UK, US, UNESCO, OECD



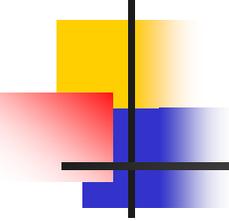
Meetings

- Washington, DC, USA (December 3-4, 2007)
- Paris, France (April 21-22, 2008)
- Vienna, Austria (September 11-12, 2008)



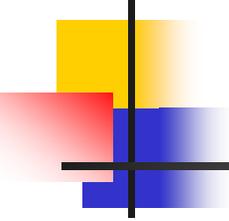
Objectives of Committee's Work

- Develop a Practical Guide for Investigating Misconduct in International Collaborations
- Define Core Principles
- Promote International Awareness
- Foster Networks of Experts



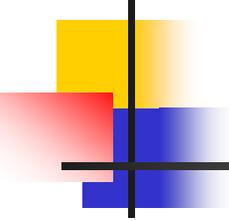
Contents of Practical Guide

- Boilerplate Text for Agreements
- Requirements of any agreement document
- Overarching Principles for Investigating Research Misconduct
- Procedures for Investigating Research Misconduct Allegations
- Communication Strategy



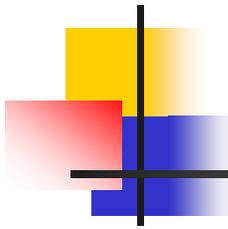
Requirements of Agreements

- Promote responsible research practices
- Comply with national laws
- Specify procedures for investigations
- Include a Communication / Dissemination Plan



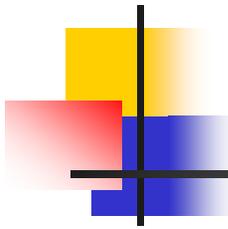
Overarching Principles

- Integrity
- Fairness
- Confidentiality
- No detriment
- Balance



Recommended Procedures

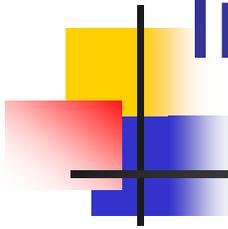
- Structural requirements for Investigations
- Scope and clearly framed definitions
- Allegation evaluation
- Clearly defined procedures & timeframes
- Reporting



Communication Strategy

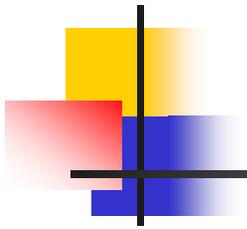
- Access to information on procedures and standards
- Proportionate to size of project and likely impact
- Information should be available in lay language
- Need for awareness and education
- Need to keep information up-to-date

Communication and Implementation

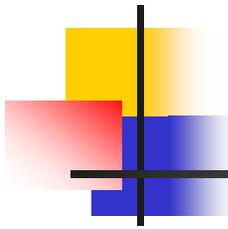


- Post Practical Guide on OECD website
- Distribute to research institutions, scientific academies and societies
- Encourage them to “sign on”
- Publicize those that have signed on

Sharing Information and Establishing Networks

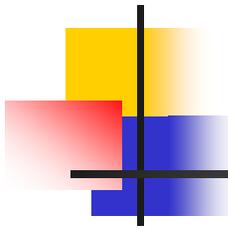


- Regional networks of experts arising in Europe, Asia, S. America
- Recommend international database of contacts and relevant policies and procedures, maintained by international body



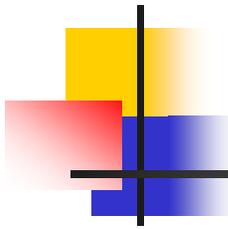
Database Contents

- National policies for promoting good practices in research
- National procedures for handling research misconduct
- Contact information for handling misconduct inquiries, at national and institutional levels



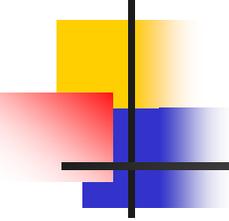
Possible International Bodies

- UNESCO (GEObs)
- European Science Foundation (ESF)
- International Council for Science (ICSU)



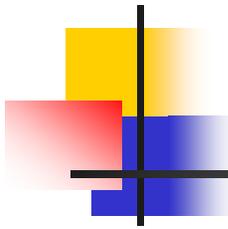
Conclusions

- GSF approved of the Report and Practical Guide
- GSF authorized short-term work with international body to put database in place



Website Information

- Report of Coordinating Committee for International Research Investigations (http://www.oecd.org/department/0,2688,en_2649_34319_1_1_1_1_1,00.html).
- Report from the Tokyo workshop .
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