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Supplement No. 1 to the Rector's Ordinance, stipulating the USB Code of Conduct

Following the Rector 's Decision No. 253 of 31st July 2013, on Establishing of the USB Ethics Committee, the Code of Conduct of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice was issued on 4th November 2014. This Supplement is issuing Annexe no. 1 of the Code of Conduct defining the principles of research work and publication of research findings and results.

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Annexe

PRINCIPLES OF RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION OF FINDINGS AND RESULTS OF RESEARCH

(This document follows the Code of Conduct of ASCR researchers, which came into force 1st January 2017)

Researchers:

- are responsible for the accuracy and objectivity of the research conducted by them and aware of the limits of the research methods used;
- when publishing their findings and results regarding a particular problem, they are responsible for completeness and verifiability of these and present them in an undistorted manner;
- after publication, the primary data and documentation of all significant results are kept for a period of time customary in the field concerned unless required to do so by other obligations or regulations;
- are responsible for the efficient and effective use of research funding and do not duplicate research conducted elsewhere unless it is necessary for verification, supplement or comparison of the results;
- present the results of their research which are not under any confidentiality obligation, to the professional public; the general public is acquainted with the results only after they have been published in the professional press;
- may be listed as an author or co-author of a publication if they creatively contribute to its elaboration by for example designing studies or experiments and conducting them, by providing an analysis, interpretation, theoretical processing or modelling of data, or by writing the publication, and only if they agree with this listing;
- in their publications, they acknowledge the scientific contribution of their predecessors and colleagues and acknowledge the fact that their research is directly linked to their work; when citing the findings and discoveries of other authors, they clearly reference the sources;
- include citations of essential works even if they are not in line with their own results and conclusions;
- if they discover a significant error in their published information, they take appropriate steps, e.g. publish an errata or provide other correction;

- do not unnecessarily split results and findings of their research into multiple publications in order to artificially increase the number of published works;
- do not publish in an ethically dubious way and do not use ethically dubious publishing platforms;
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- do not attempt to use one manuscript in multiple places.