

The Scientific Integrity committee

Suppose that you have a complaint

- The first point of contact is the university's confidential adviser for scientific integrity (for the complainant), Prof. Olaf Fisscher.
- Possible violations of scientific integrity as well as any follow-up steps can be discussed with him in all confidence.
- Prof. Fisscher can be reached at o.a.m.fisscher@utwente.nl.



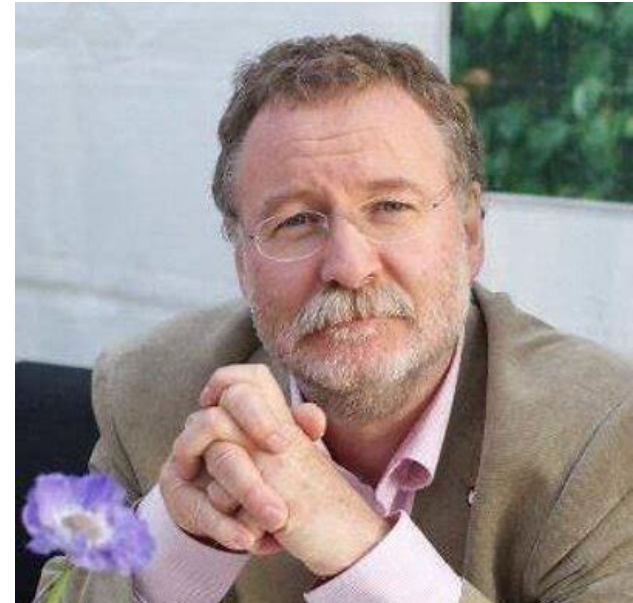
Composition of the SIC

Actual reports about (possible) violations of scientific integrity are dealt with by a committee, comprised of:

- Prof. M.A. (Michiel) Heldeweg, Faculty BMS (chair)
- Prof. L. (Leon) Lefferts, Faculty TNW
- Prof. P. (Piet) Bergveld (emeritus)
- Prof. G.J. (Geert) Heijenck, Faculty EEMCS

There are two substitute committee members:

- Prof. J.M. (Jules) Pieters, Faculty BMS
- Prof. P.Y. (Yola) Georgiadou, Faculty ITC.



Support for the accused

- Staff members of the UT who have faced a complaint with regards to their integrity can, if they so desire, be assisted by the independent university's confidential adviser for the accused, Prof. Alfred Stein, email a.stein@utwente.nl.
- The confidential adviser for the accused knows the rules and procedures and can support the accused.
- The accused can share his or her doubts and concerns with this confidential adviser and this confidential adviser can also provide aftercare services.

Investigated reports within the UT

≤ 2012: none of the reported complaints about possible violations of the scientific integrity were declared valid.

2012: Three cases were investigated. One was declared invalid and one was declared valid.

2013, 2014: no cases.

2015: four complaints were filed, one was not admissible. The other three were admissible and have been examined. Of the three complaints, two were declared invalid and one was declared valid.

2016, 2017: no cases

2018: the committee received one complaint.

2019: the committee received three complaints.

Way of working

- The complaint is shared with the accused
- The committee searches for evidence to (dis)prove the case
- There is a hearing, including the complainer and the accused
- The committee draws its conclusions and writes a draft report
- The report is checked with the complainer and the accused
- The committee submits its conclusions to the EB that makes a temporary decision
- Both complainer and accused can go to the LOWI