

To:  
Parties or their representatives  
of cases under consideration in  
the Danish Committees of Scientific Dishonesty

### **Confidentiality**

Currently, a number of cases is under consideration by the Danish Committees of Scientific Dishonesty (DCSD). You are all parties in at least one of those cases and, as such, you invest much attention to the matters. But also the public, including the press, attaches much interest to the pending cases.

To be brought before the committees is a matter of great concern for the defendant party, also in the event that the final conclusion of the committees turns out to be negative. Even the complaining party is concerned about the proceedings. As a consequence, all professionals involved, i.e. the members of the committees, their alternates, the secretariat and the chairman, are obliged not to disclose information to third parties on the cases under consideration.

As parties you are not legally bound by a similar non-disclosure clause. Nevertheless, the DCSD urge you to keep information on cases confidential until a final decision has been made. This recommendation of confidentiality is in line with good practice also within the courts and complaints bodies in Denmark.

The recommendation of confidentiality is clearly stated in the Rules of Procedure of the DCSD as have been sent to you all at the beginning of the proceedings of the individual cases. However, judging from recent articles in the Danish press, the secretariat realizes that some of you may have disregarded that recommendation.

The secretariat has received several representations expressing deep concern on the disclosure of information to the press. On that background, we do hope that you will accept this letter and respect our renewed recommendation of confidentiality for as long as the cases are under consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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