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Austrian Agency for Research Integrity

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Tasks of the OeAWI

Focus on information and prevention

- Prevention & Raising Awareness (e.g. Training)
- Advising
- Investigation
- National & International Networking

Investigation

Investigation of allegations of cases of research misconduct

Prevention

Awareness for the Standards of Good Scientific Practice

Training

Facilitation of Good Scientific Practice

Communication process: common guidelines

published in April 2015

JOINT PROCESS (2014/2015):

**Discussed with and approved by
(then) 37 member organisations**



Joint network

Who are the responsible persons at our member organizations?

www.hochschulombudsnetz.at

Contact details of all
persons/boards/...
being in charge of e.g. RI matters



In cooperation with the Austrian Student Ombudsman

Working Group on Controlling and Preventing Plagiarism

Founded in 2011

- **Approx. 30 Members:** Universities (public and private)
Universities of applied sciences
Non-university research institutions
Educational colleges,...
- Forum for discussion, exchange of experiences
- **Achieved goal:** A uniform definition of “plagiarism”
Under the leadership of:
DDr. Karl-Gerhard Strauß MAS &
Mag.^a Martina Baravalle (both mdw)
UG2002-Adaptation 13.01.2015

Training as a place of dialogue and communication

- Since 2010: About 50 workshops, more than 100 seminars and lectures
- Since 2018 Train-the-Trainer courses

Trained researchers and trainers are again ambassadors
for RI!!!

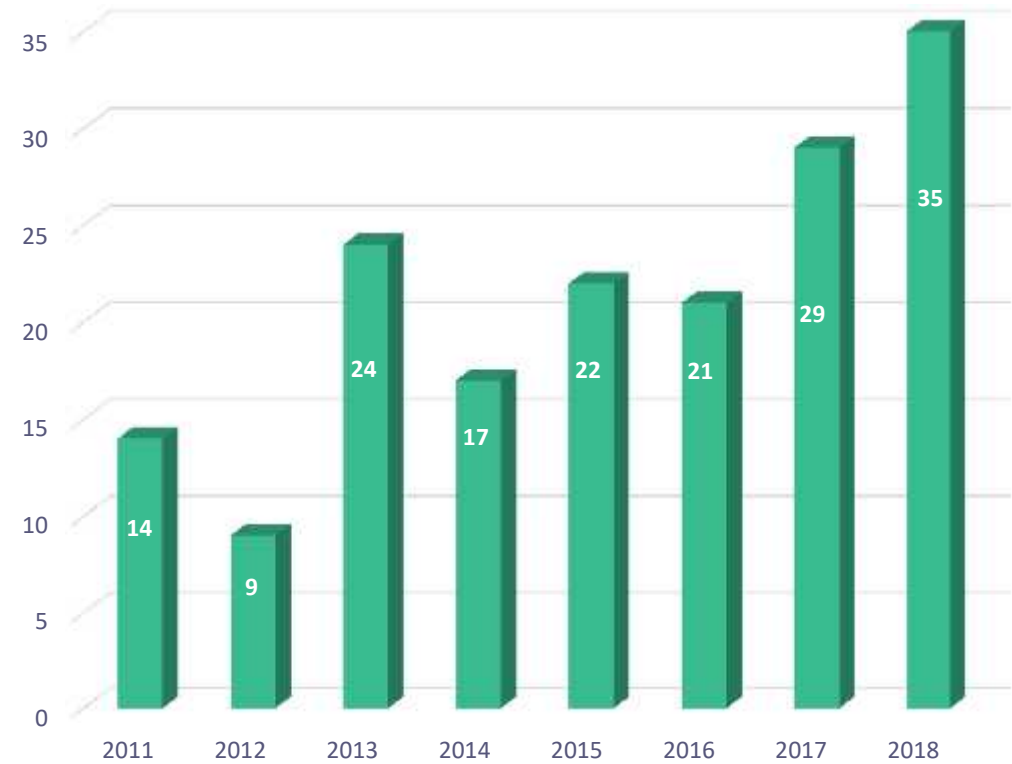
[I personally think the effect of training is completely underestimated w/o taking into account the value of communication/dialogue – also after the course!]

2011-2018

Inquiries to the Office: ADVISING

supporting

- Member organisations
- Ombudspersons
- Researchers
- ...



Investigations

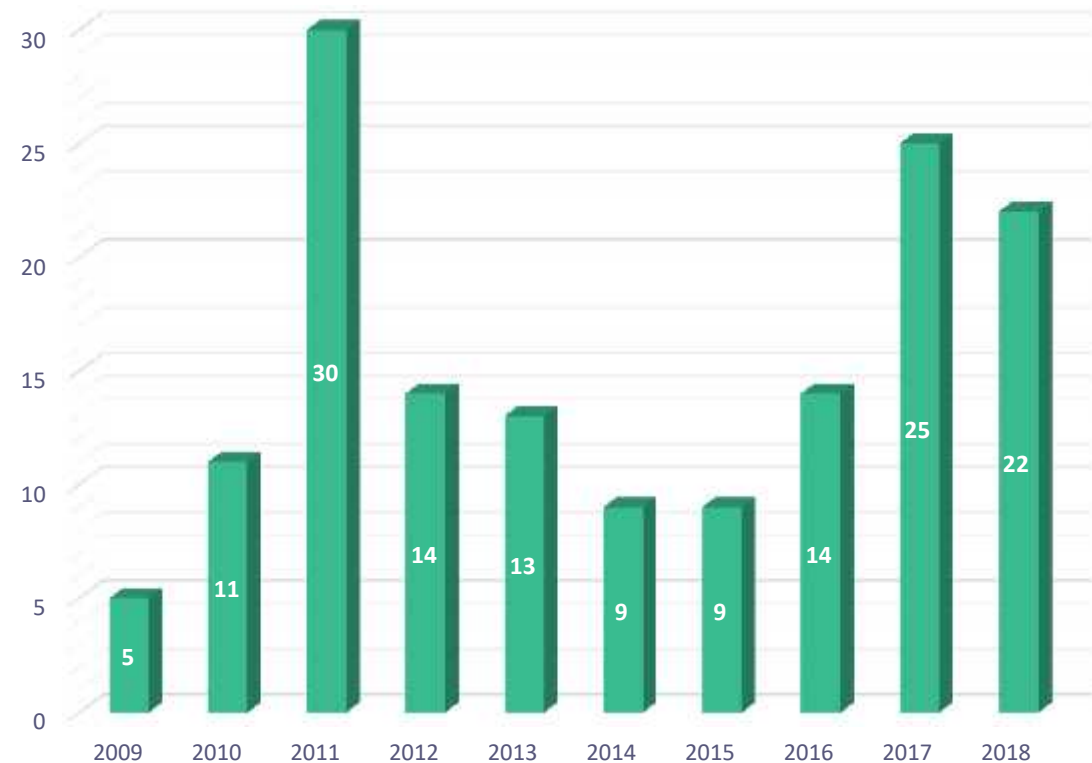
Requests to the Commission for Research Integrity

Administrative office:

- **First point of contact** in cases of alleged research misconduct
- **Communication with all persons involved**
- **Support and Advising of the Commission** (e.g. international context)

Inquiries to the Commission for Research Integrity

- Anonymized summaries of cases in the annual reports
- Final statements including recommendations to solve putative systemic problems



CHALLENGES regarding communication and dialogue

- Sometimes it takes **much longer** than one would like to see
- Sometimes it needs the **right person(s) at the right place/in the right position**
- Encourage researchers to talk about mistakes