

## Statement on Scientific Integrity

The Netherlands Code of Conduct for Scientific Practice drawn up by the Association of Universities in the Netherlands sets out the principles to be observed by scientists at our university individually, towards one another and towards society.

The Code applies to scientific activities, including teaching and research, at all universities in the Netherlands.

Scrupulousness, reliability, verifiability, impartiality and independence are the key principles on which the Code is founded.

Scientific activities must at all times be governed by standards of the most scrupulous care. Pressure to perform cannot be regarded as a reason for any lowering of these standards.

Each and every scientist shares in the responsibility for the reputation of the scientific world for reliability. A scientific practitioner must demonstrate reliability in how he or she conducts research and reports on the findings of such research, as well as in disseminating his or her knowledge through teaching and publications. A scientific practitioner will not claim the scientific work of another individual as his or her own.

All information presented must be verifiable. When research findings are made public, a clear indication must be given of the sources on which the information and conclusions are based, from where the findings are derived, and where they can be verified.

Scientific practitioners will be motivated in their work only by scientific interests, and will be prepared at all times to justify their actions.

**Scientific practitioners carry out their work in an environment of academic freedom and independence. Any restrictions on this freedom will be clearly indicated.**

The Code of Conduct can be downloaded via <http://www.medewerkers.leidenuniv.nl/>

The undersigned confirms that he or she has read the content of the Code, undertakes to observe the Code and will do all in his or her power to promote and maintain the integrity of the Code in his or her academic environment.

(Date).....

(Name).....

Signature.....