

Executive Vice President for Research
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To: Members of the academic staff

From: The Executive Vice President for Research

Shalom,

As every member of the Technion staff is aware, we are required to adhere to the Code for Responsible Conduct of Research, which is available at:

<http://manlam.net.technion.ac.il/files/2014/09/%D7%A7%D7%95%D7%93-%D7%90%D7%AA%D7%99.pdf>

The Code requires results collected in the course of research to be kept for at least three years after the conclusion of the research (this usually means three years after publication). This rule corresponds with the policy of many journals.

Recently, an incident occurred where a published article included errors. As a result, the journal demanded to receive the raw data in order to carry out reanalysis and publish a correction. In this case, the staff member had not kept the raw data. This led to a demand from the journal for investigation of the incident and the staff member by the Research Integrity Committee. This Committee is composed of staff members from the Technion and from outside it.

One of the Committee's requirements (which was conveyed in writing to the editors of the journal) was to remind the Technion community of the relatively simple requirements of keeping raw data for at least three years after a research program concludes.

I ask that each staff member of the Technion community to act in accordance with the scientific methods defined in the "Responsible Conduct of Research" Code.

Yours sincerely,

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