

Canadian Research Integrity Committee Releases Study: *The State of Research Integrity and Misconduct Policies in Canada*

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The Canadian Research Integrity Committee (CRIC) is releasing a report entitled: *The State of Research Integrity and Misconduct Policies in Canada*.

The Report provides a comprehensive discussion of the status of current policies and procedures on research integrity in Canada and in some other countries including, the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia and Germany. It also examines how research integrity is promoted and how allegations of misconduct are addressed and resolved. It is anticipated that the Report will help to inform future efforts to strengthen Canada's research integrity system.

The CRIC was established in 2006 and is comprised of seventeen members representing various governmental and non-governmental organizations that share a common interest in strengthening research integrity in Canada (see attached list of members).

At the first CRIC workshop held in Ottawa in 2007, a decision was made to sponsor a study to survey Canadian and international policies and practices related to research integrity. A request for proposals was developed and the contract for the CRIC-sponsored study was awarded to the consulting firm Hickling Arthurs Low.

The Report was extensively discussed by members of the CRIC at a workshop held in Ottawa on October 5-6, 2009.

With the release of the report, CRIC member organizations can solicit feedback from their respective constituencies.

The CRIC will reconvene in early 2010, and any further action by CRIC will take into consideration the comments received and the evolving status of activities related to research integrity in Canada.

Questions regarding the Report should be directed to Dr. Tijs Creutzberg at Hickling Arthurs Low, 613-237-2220 x332 or tcreutzberg@hal.ca. Questions regarding the CRIC should be addressed to Dr. Kevin Keough of Kevin Keough Consulting Inc., 780-954-3119 or kevinkeough@shaw.ca. The report will be available at www.hal.ca, and on the websites of member organizations.

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The Council of Canadian Academies (CCA) has joined CRIC discussions as an Observer.