

Agreement on Good Scientific Cooperation

1. This agreement is based on the memorandum of the DFG (German Research Foundation) "Safeguarding Good Scientific Practice "
2. Effective scientific work needs trust. New ideas and information can be exchanged only in a protected and trustworthy environment. Information or hints given by others must be cited. Contributions from PhD students must be highly protected.
3. Collaboration and teamwork is based on respect, trustworthiness and precise agreements.
4. We declare that communication should be direct and the course of action result orientated if dealing with conflicts.
5. Open communication: one does not have to say everything, but should always say if one does not want to speak about a topic. Open communication is always the preferred way of communication.
6. Mutual understanding and cooperation requires continuity. Getting to know each other takes some time and needs regular meetings as the basis for growing trust.
7. Members take responsibility for the network. They criticize if necessary, contribute new ideas and help to develop organizational structures. This remains a constant effort in a learning organization.
8. The coordinators of the network support research groups within the network. As they communicate with all members, they facilitate finding members with similar research interests, create trust and accompany them throughout the procedure. Research groups and researchers report on their activities at network meetings or on other occasions in order to ensure that all members are informed.