

Code of Conduct for Registered and Chartered Scientists

1 Introduction

OR Society Registered and Chartered Scientists work to enhance the welfare, health and safety of all whilst paying due regard to the environment and the sustainability of resources. They have made personal and professional commitments to enhance the wellbeing of society through the exploitation of knowledge and the management of creative teams.

This Code of Conduct sets a standard with which Registered and Chartered Scientists registered with the Operational Research Society must comply in their working practice and relationships. Any breaches of this code may result in disciplinary action being taken by the OR Society as set out in its Disciplinary Process.

2 Our Principles

There are four fundamental principles that should guide an OR Society Registered or Chartered Scientist in achieving the high ideals of professional life. These express the beliefs and values of the profession and are amplified below.

2.1 Accuracy and Rigour

OR Society Registered and Chartered Scientists have a duty to ensure that they acquire and use wisely and faithfully the knowledge that is relevant to the analytic skills needed in their work in the service of others. They must:

- Exercise their professional skills and judgement to the best of their ability and discharge their professional responsibilities with integrity, serving as an example to others; and
- Undertake appropriate Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and be able to demonstrate this to others.

2.2 Honesty and Integrity

OR Society Registered and Chartered Scientists should adopt the highest standards of professional conduct, openness, fairness and honesty. They must:

- Never engage in corrupt practice;
- Declare conflicts of interest;
- Reject bribery or improper influence; and



- Act for each employer or client in a reliable and trustworthy manner.

2.3 Respect for Life, Law and the Public Good

OR Society Registered and Chartered Scientists should give due weight to all relevant law, facts and published guidance, and the wider public interest. They must:

- Be satisfied that all work is lawful and justified; and
- Do all in their power to ensure that their professional activities do not put the health and safety of others at risk.

2.4 Responsible Leadership: Listening and Informing

OR Society Registered and Chartered Scientists should aspire to high standards of leadership in the application of their skills, knowledge and expertise. They hold a privileged and trusted position in society, and are expected to demonstrate that they are seeking to serve wider society and to be sensitive to public concerns. They must:

- Have regard at all times to the public interest;
- When called upon to give a professional opinion, do so with objectivity and reliability;
- Further the interests of and maintain the dignity and welfare of the Operational Research profession; and
- Wherever possible/practical, further the charitable objectives of the OR Society (to advance knowledge, interest and education in OR) and in particular to share knowledge more widely to advance understanding of OR techniques and best practice.

3 Complaints

Should you have any details of an OR Society Registered or Chartered Scientist not upholding our code of conduct please contact us accreditation@theorsociety.com

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