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THE STRATEGY FOR PREVENTING AND COUNTERING THE PLAGIARISM PHENOMENON WITHIN „MIHAI VITEAZUL" NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ACADEMY

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1. Legal basis

This Strategy is based on the following documents:

1. Law no. 8/1996 on copyright and related rights, updated;

2. Law no. 319/2003 on the status of research and development staff with subsequent amendments and completions;

3. Law no. 206/2004 on good conduct in scientific research, technological development and innovation with subsequent amendments and completions;

4. Law no. 288/2004 on updating doctoral studies, with subsequent amendments and completions;

5. GEO no. 75/2005 on quality assurance in education, with subsequent amendments and completions;

6. Law no. 329/2006 on the approval of GEO no. 123/2005 for the amendment and completion of law no. 8/1996 on copyright and related rights;

7. Law no. 87/2006 for the approval of GEO no. 75/2005 on quality assurance in education;

8. Law of National Education no. 1/2011 with subsequent amendments and completions;

9. Government Decision no. 681/2011, approving the Code of Doctoral Studies, with subsequent amendments and completions;

10. The regulation on the organization and functioning of the National Council for the Attestation of Titles, Diplomas and University Certificates, approved by Order of the Minister of Education and Research no. 4621/2020;

11. Order no. 5110/2008 for approving the minimum national standards for the reward of the PhD title;

12. Order of the Minister of Education and Research no. 5229/2020 for the approval of the methodologies regarding the awarding of the habilitation certificate, the awarding of the PhD title, as well as the resolution of the complaints regarding non-compliance with the quality or professional ethics standards, including the existence of plagiarism, in a doctoral thesis;

13. Order of the Minister of Education no. 5255/2021 on the verification of compliance with academic ethics and deontology in the preparation of PhD theses from the period 1990-2016;

14. The University Charter of the "Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy, 2021 edition;

15. Regulations on the professional activity of students for all study cycles.

2. General provisions

1. ANIMV is committed to promoting and upholding academic fairness, integrity and honesty as values and guiding action principles in the activity of its students, teachers and research staff.

2. Assuming this Strategy represents a commitment of the members of ANIMV's academic community to the promotion of values, principles and ethical norms in their professional activity, in relations between community members, in relations with the authorities and other academic and research institutions, in promoting the public image of the Romanian Intelligence Service and the scientific prestige of ANIMV.

3. In accordance with the provisions of Article 4 (1) paragraph d) of Law no. 206/2004, plagiarism is defined in this Strategy as: "the presentation in a written work or an oral communication, including in electronic format, of texts, expressions, ideas, demonstrations, data, hypotheses, theories, results or scientific methods extracted from written works, including in electronic format, of other authors, without making reference to the original sources".

4. The strategy is intended for students, teachers and research staff or to any person involved in the process of developing and publishing academic content associated with „Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy.

5. The strategy will be implemented by complementing the provisions of the Academy's approved procedures and decisions on quality in education and research.

3. Purpose

1. The strategy reiterates the need for all students, teachers and research professionals to be aware of ethical methodologies and practices, as well as the effects of non-compliance with them.

2. Under the aegis of the ANIMV[1] Code of Ethics and Deontology, the Strategy aims to contribute to the development of a culture of academic integrity and to outline guidelines for action to prevent plagiarism, understood as a harmful and reprehensible academic conduct.

3. Whether intentional or unintentional, plagiarism is an intellectual fraud which must be correctly identified and subsequently sanctioned in proportion to the gravity associated with it.

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[1] *Chapter IX University Ethics, The ANIMV University Charter, 2021 edition*

4. Principles

1. The intolerance of plagiarism - ANIMV manifests total intolerance and drastically sanctions any form of plagiarism, as an appropriation of someone else's ideas, methods, results or texts, without reference to the original sources.

2. Taking the responsibility - ANIMV promotes a universally accepted value system in the academic environment focused on the promotion of personality and the enhancing individual status as well as individual and institutional responsibility.

3. Consistency, creativity and systematic intellectual effort - are the premises for the development of intellectual products of scientific value.

5. Directions for action

1. The use of software applications that allow the estimation of the similarity weight of the texts in the reference work with other texts signed by other authors, present on the Internet, for all academic content developed in the educational and research activity. The analysis using software applications provides an indicative result, which does not replace the qualitative (self-) assessment made by teaching and research staff for their own or students' intellectual products.

2. Setting maximum values of accepted similarity coefficients for fair dealing in terms of copyright and copyright enforcement.

3. Introduction of Scientific Research Methodology as a compulsory subject in all bachelor and master's degree programs. This will be complementary to the subject of Ethics and Academic Deontology already existing as an optional subject in the bachelor's programs and compulsory in Master's and PhD programs[2].

4. Organizing under the aegis of the Doctoral School of thematic workshops for the development of academic writing skills.

5. Training of trainers in ethics and academic deontology.

6. The Elaboration of the Methodology for drawing up the bachelor's and dissertation works that would regulate the scientific guidance throughout the study programs, the working procedures for each stage of the work

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[2] *According to the provisions of art. 2 paragraphs (3) and (4) of the Order of the Minister of National Education no.3131/January 1st, 2018 on the inclusion in the curricula, for all university study programs organized in higher education institutions of the national education system, of the courses on ethics and academic deontology.*

elaboration, the evaluation criteria of the works, as well as the interpretation and resolution of similarities in the completed works.

6. The use of the computer application for the verification of doctoral thesis from the period 1990-2016

1. The current functions of similarity checking applications allow comparing the text of a document uploaded for checking against with Internet resources and the various databases on servers.

2. Comparing old texts with resources that appeared after these texts were developed, it will most likely generate irrelevant and difficult to assess similarities. Therefore, checking PhD theses from the period 1990-2016 will be done as follows:

a) A separate account will be created within the system, from which the users required for uploading theses will be created.

b) In the document upload step, the year in which the thesis was developed will be selected.

c) The option will be selected to check only between the theses uploaded to the account, excluding databases created so far within the system.

d) All relevant resources for the verification of PhD theses defended before 2016 (books, scientific journals, frequently cited texts) will be added through the ANIMV account into the database, without verification.