Code of conduct
Lecturers without borders

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Our Names

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Introduction

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Terms and conditions

Article 1. Definitions

Lectures (seminars): refers to the lectures or seminars of any format (e.g. indoor or outdoor, educational games or academic lectures, story telling or theory) (co)-organised by Lecturers Without Borders (further mentioned as LeWiBo).

Meetings: refers to the meetings or workshops hosted and organized by Lecturers without borders (platform or network of people from LeWiBo).

Content: refers to all information provided by the User on the Website of LeWiBo.

Participant: any Lecturer or Coordinator can be generally called Participant

Lecturer: a person who gives lectures/seminars, a scientist (PhD student or equivalent), who is travelling, an educator from an association (working in this region or globally) or a student (BSc, Msc degree or equivalent), who volunteers to help for a scientist.

Coordinator: person, who helps a lecturer to organize a lecture/seminar and to facilitate communication between partners of LeWiBo.

Board of Lecturers without borders (organising team): develop strategies and/or represent officially the project (to be defined)

Steering committee: advisors with expertise in managing communities and experiences in scientific communication, who are able to give advice for lecturers (researchers) and coordinators from "Lecturers without borders platform". The process of selection can be made through online voting (if there is no "veto" or "voting against").

Scientific advisory board member: (elected by steering community and board) senior scientists, who can advise or share their expertise with Lecturers without borders community

Article 2 : Access to the website

2.1 Modalities of registration

The registration and participation to "Lecturers without borders" project, (groups, events, programs) is open and free to any person over the majority of the state of the Participants, or to any person under the majority of the state of the Users if this person has with an explicit and written consent of his/her/their legal guardian(s). Each registration is for one private person. A moral person is also allowed to participate when it has one individual acting on its behalf.

2.2. Content on website

All the content should be in agreement with our standards (see 3), and can be distributed under creative common license, public domain (CC0 1.0).

3 Our Standards

- Non profit: All lectures are based on voluntary work, and no financial compensation will be given to any of our members and partners. Exceptions can be made for reimbursement of material and travel costs in particular cases, e.g., if a remote school requested our intervention, if the lecturer can justify that he can not afford the travel costs himself, or if a lecture or summer school is co-organised with some other association that provides funding (and if the association shares our standards). In such cases, the funding will be done in a sustainable (e.g. the funded items that can be reused over time) and ethical (e.g. funding benefits a low-income partner) way. For staff members (e.g. coordinators from the organisation team) the payment can be transferred based on the agreement of the entire team.
- Low ecological footprint: The trips to schools are combined with existing travel plans (e.g. to attend a conference, or visit a research lab). The use of transportation with lower carbon emissions will be prioritized (such as train and bus rather than flights and individual cars) .
- Inclusive and no discrimination: No discrimination will be tolerated regarding gender, religion, sexual orientation, cultural or socio-economic background. Project "Lecturers without borders" is based on a flat hierarchy and relies on horizontal and democratized organization. In particular, minorities and groups usually left aside from sciences are welcome to join the project.

Examples of behavior that contributes to creating a positive environment include:

- Using welcoming and inclusive language
- Being respectful of differing viewpoints and experiences
- Gracefully accepting constructive criticism
- Focusing on what is best for the community
- Showing empathy towards other community members

Examples of unacceptable behavior by participants include:

- The use of sexualized language or imagery and unwelcome sexual attention or advances
- Trolling, insulting/derogatory comments, and personal or political attacks
- Public or private harassment
- Publishing others' private information, such as a physical or electronic address, without explicit permission
- Other conduct which could reasonably be considered inappropriate in a professional setting

Article 2 : Example Access to the website

2.1 Modalities of registration

The registration and participation to "Lecturers without borders" network, local projects, offline discussion groups, programs is open and free to any person over the majority of the state of the registered participants or invited and verified users at www.scied.network Verification process takes place through the recommendation system (if someone in community recommends the lecturer or person is recommended by the association).

Each registration is for one private person or association or education institution (school, university). A moral person is also allowed to participate when it has one individual acting on its behalf. Registration and participation is open to every nationality without any college graduation requirements.

The participation to the Platform shall be considered as an acceptance of the integrality of the Rules by the Users without any reservation.

2.2 Contractual framework

The participant of Lecturers without borders (LeWiBo) has to agree to the Rules and to the different roles of Lecturers without borders in order to access/use the Platform. Those contracts constitute the entire agreement between the User and LeWiBo.
Furthermore the User has to comply with the Open data licenses provided by the data producer.

2.3 Creation of a User Account

The acceptance of the aforementioned contractual framework leads to the creation of a dedicated User Account provided by the website of LeWiBo.

This User Account is a mandatory requirement to participate in any activities on LeWiBo. A registration will necessitate some personal data (for further information please refer to Article 9 – Privacy below). Among those information, a password with a minimal complexity will be required to prevent any misuse of the User Account by any third party.
Those information will be stored by LeWiBo and be available to the User on the profile page. As a subscriber to the Rules, the User commits :
- to provide true, exact and complete information and
- to maintain the completeness of the information and to update it.

The User Account at LeWiBo is strictly personal. It could only be used individually and could not be shared or be assigned to any third party. The User is liable to keep secret her/his password. Therefore, all action contrary to article 4 below committed under the User account shall be deemed as done by the User.

Article 3: Creation and management of the projects

Users are strongly encouraged to gather into Projects of LeWiBo (per country or subject) in order to participate to the Lecturers without borders activity.

Any User can choose to participate alone or with a Project. The project exists when several Participants (e.g. lecturers or educational institutions) are gathered in a project submitted by a Participant. Within a Group, Participant with the ownership right have the ability to determine whether a Participant is welcomed in the Project (s)he/they created.

To be continued and discussed in online meeting of lecturers without borders
www.scied.network