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## How Sage development should proceed: I. Individuals

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To: sage-conduct <sage-conduct@googlegroups.com>

Hi sage-conduct committee:

In our meeting on Monday we didn't have much time for the question "How Sage development should proceed".

Here are my thoughts. In this first email, I'll focus on actions regarding individuals.

1. Clear words and actions are needed toward repeat offenders.

a. Regarding Pasechnik:

- Make it clear that a developer who declares himself to be at war cannot be part of our community.

- Make it clear that there is nothing whatsoever that would justify his severe and persistent misconduct. (I expressed this clearly to him multiple times, e.g., in

- <https://github.com/sagemath/sage/pull/36726#issuecomment-1870544967>)

- This clear message must not be muddled by talk about "technical differences". Even a hint of this will be taken as a further justification and encouragement.

- Make it clear and unequivocal, using examples for the various kinds of violations: Denunciations (of the intents or character of others; of the importance of the work of others, of the quality of the work of others); disrespect (see

- <https://github.com/sagemath/sage/issues/32532#issuecomment-1890083964>, where he confirms that he knowingly displays disrespect); harassment; etc.

- If necessary, make it clear to him that we know about his con. No, he has not contributed to the maintenance of the packages whose burden of maintenance he routinely decries ("git log" is your friend to check the facts.) No, he has not contributed to the build system of the Sage distribution. No, he has not contributed to anything related to Python packaging in Sage, nor is there evidence of any relevant experience, with the single exception of the package

- <https://github.com/dimpase/primecountpy>

b. Regarding Diez:

- For those who are new on the committee: He's the one who brought the current wave of toxicity and manipulations into our community.

- Revert the erasure of who's at fault from the failed appeasement approach ("everything is just a technical dispute").

- Recognize and acknowledge that many of the "disputes", in particular those involving Diez, are clear violations of our standards of review, in which hostile reviewers make unreasonable demands; I've explained this for example in

- <https://github.com/sagemath/sage/pull/36676#issuecomment-1849216706>

c. Regarding Tornaria:

- I suggest that the committee re-examine the recent interactions under the lens of recognizing disrespect, dominance posturing, and manipulations such as "playing the victim".

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