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To all lecturers

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Prevention of plagiarism

Dear lecturers,

Training in correct scientific working procedures and particularly the correct handling of scientific findings belongs in the teaching of every degree programme. This matter is not new, but was also a recurring theme of my predecessor.

To reinforce the fact that implementation is binding, I have issued a new directive on this theme ([Link](#)). It contains the following two points:

1. The departments are obliged to offer training in correct scientific working procedures in their degree programmes, at all levels.
2. Authors of every Bachelor's/Master's thesis or semester paper must include with it a completed and signed declaration of originality ([Link](#)). This declaration is a component of the written work and must be included in every copy of it. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that this stipulation is obeyed.

It is in our common interests to prevent plagiarism at this university. I ask you kindly to contribute to this task through undeviating implementation of these measures.

Sincerely,

Lino Guzzella

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