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European Network of Ombuds in Higher Education

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The European Network of Ombuds in Higher Education (ENOHE) is an independent, non-profit organization that serves as a platform for connecting professionals who work as ombuds in higher education, as well as supporters of their work. With a growing membership from institutions across the globe, ENOHE aims to promote the role of ombuds in higher education, foster professional standards, and encourage best practices. Its objectives include advocating for the ombuds concept within academia, supporting activities related to the role and function of ombuds, sharing knowledge on best practices, collaborating with other organizations, and more.

ENOHE hosts an annual conference in Europe to advance its mission while also offering regular webinars, newsletters, and guidance to help its members implement policies and professional standards. A recent milestone for ENOHE was the adoption of its "Values and Principles" document, which outlines the core values guiding the work of ombuds professionals in higher education.

Research integrity is a recurring theme in the work of higher education ombuds, as they often deal with cases related to scientific misconduct, whistleblowing, and the rights of defendants. Ombuds in higher education serve both students and faculty, navigating complex issues such as power imbalances, strained interpersonal relationships, and instances of discrimination. When it comes to research integrity, collaboration between ombuds offices and research integrity offices can be particularly beneficial, especially in intricate cases. However, approaches differ across countries. In some contexts, research integrity offices focus solely on academic staff, excluding students. This segmentation highlights the critical importance of fostering cooperation between ombuds and research integrity offices to bridge institutional gaps.

ENOHE has already established an informal cooperation agreement with the European Network of Research Integrity Offices (ENRIO) in Bratislava 2016, which lays the groundwork for further collaboration. This poster aims to introduce ENOHE's mission and activities to attendees at ENRIO congress in Ljubljana, with the goal of exploring additional opportunities for partnership and collaboration in advancing research integrity within the higher education landscape.

References:

Information about ENOHE can be found on their website at: <https://www.enohe.net/>