



THE OMBUDSMAN FOR ACADEMIC ETHICS AND PROCEDURES OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

DECISION REGARDING THE ETHICS OF RESEARCH ACTIVITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE J. ZABARSKAITE

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The **Ombudsman for Academic Ethics and Procedures of the Republic of Lithuania** (hereinafter – Ombudsman), <...> completed the investigation “Regarding possible violation of the ethics of research activity” according to the deed No. 4S-2018 of the Lithuanian Research Council of 18 December 2013 “Regarding possible violation of the ethics of research activity”, examined the material submitted by the Lithuanian Research Council, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania, Institute of Lithuanian Language (hereinafter – LKI), Lithuanian National Library of Martynas Mazvydas, and members of advisory committee of the Office of Ombudsman for Academic Ethics and Procedures, and **determined that:**

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On 21 November 2013 the competition was held in the Ministry of Education and Science for the office of LKI director. The member of the competition’s commission Prof. Habil. Dr. Ruta Petrauskaite evaluated the list of publications presented by the candidate Dr. Jolanta Zabarskaite as indecorously formed “in order to show bigger input of the author than it is and in prejudice to the rules of harmonious bibliographical description”.

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The candidate to the office of director of the Institute of Lithuanian Language J. Zabarskaite submitted the list of research works to the Ministry of Education and Science, where she put her surname as the first among other authors and highlighted; other authors were indicated in violation of sequence presented in the bibliographical link, or other authors were not indicated at all. Besides, J. Zabarskaite was indicated in the list by the descriptions of the publications as the author (before the title of the publication) and as the compiler or editor (after the title).

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<...> it should be stated that the formation of descriptions of publications in the list of publications submitted by the candidate J. Zabarskaite to the Ministry of Education and Science, where the aforementioned inaccuracies of elements of descriptions of research works were determined, contradicts to the principle of endeavour at truth consolidated in the clause 10 and sub-clause 10.11 of the Code of Academic Integrity of the Institute of Lithuanian Language.

The Ombudsman decided:

1. To inform the Institute of Lithuanian Language and the Ministry of Education and Science about the Ombudsman’s decision.

2. To inform the Lithuanian Research Council about the Ombudsman's decision.
