

GLOBAL CHEMISTS'

Kuala Lumpur

CODE OF ETHICS WORKSHOP

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Chemical research has made significant positive impact on the world around us. However, aspects of such beneficial discoveries can also be used for negative purposes, which have led to the use of the term “dual use” to describe such research. Scientists in multiple disciplines and fields have two enduring challenges: become aware of the dual use potential of their work, and be responsible for the dual use research that they and their colleagues conduct. In order to assist chemistry professionals in grappling with the second challenge, 30 scientists from 18 countries, including representatives from 7 national or regional chemical societies (include in an appendix?) participated in a workshop in Kuala Lumpur in April 2016 to collaboratively draft a Global Chemists' Code of Ethics (GCCE). Efforts to draft the GCCE were guided by the stipulations outlined in [The Hague Ethical Guidelines](#) and the [Code of Conduct Toolkit](#). At the conclusion of this workshop, participants voluntarily adopted the code and were tasked with sharing the code with their colleagues, and, if appropriate, adapting the text to the local context to encourage its widespread adoption and sustainable implementation.

As the party entrusted with the important responsibility of establishing policy for your organization, country, and around the world, you, too, have a significant role in ensuring sustainable ethical conduct of chemistry now, and in the future. Specifically, we encourage you to

- Become familiar with the language and spirit of the GCCE,
- Establish regular communications with chemistry professionals in your area to understand and address their unique needs and concerns,
- Prioritize efforts in your country to adopt and comply with international norms such as the Chemical Weapons Convention and industry regulation initiatives such as Responsible Care (provide reference),
- Enhance chemical safety and security in your organization or within your country, and
- Incentivize ethical conduct across the chemical enterprise in your country and around the globe.

By working together, chemistry professionals and policy makers can encourage ethical research practices and adopt internationally recognized standards for chemical safety and security.

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