

May 16th, 2005

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: More Allegation of Misconduct in Academic Research-  
Research funded by [REDACTED]

I am writing this letter in accordance with [REDACTED] of the Collective Agreement. I am referring to the following paper by [REDACTED]

A copy of this paper and other relevant documents are enclosed.

In a previous letter (dated April 25, 2004) evidence was given which suggests that the author (s) of the above paper committed scientific misconduct, specifically data falsification. It has now come to light that, in addition to the data falsification, this paper has been almost entirely copied from an earlier paper by [REDACTED] (enclosed).

It is seen from the highlighted sections that the author (s) have copied almost the entire paper from the earlier paper that was published in [REDACTED]. At first Figs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] appear to be the author's new contributions. A closer look, however, reveals that Figs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are in fact taken from the work of other researchers, apparently without permission/ acknowledgement and without proper reference. See for example reference # [REDACTED] given in association with Figure [REDACTED] in the paper. In Fig. [REDACTED] the authors show data which have been taken from the work of [REDACTED] without even giving reference to the original papers. It appears that the plagiarized paper has been accepted for publication in [REDACTED] through a conference and it appears that it has been edited by the co-editor of the conference who is the corresponding author in the paper.

It is also interesting to note that the earlier paper published in [REDACTED] was written by a single author [REDACTED] without any co-author. In that paper, there is no mention of [REDACTED], not even in the acknowledgment section of the paper. Four years later, however, the names of these individuals appear as co-authors!

Note: The plagiarized paper published in [REDACTED] has been published two times before. Once in [REDACTED] and once in the proceedings of a symposium sponsored by the [REDACTED] (attached). Each time the title has been changed but the paper is essentially the same.

Sincerely,

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