

# CO-AUTHORSHIP CONFLICTS IN HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH

– How can NREC help  
prevent these?



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## NREC cooperates with:

Authorities

Research institutions

Research communities

Researcher

## NREC assists the research institutions build good authorship practices through:

- Establishing a research culture with respect and understanding for cultural differences between countries, academic disciplines, research groups and individual researchers/personalities.
- Compulsory beginner and advanced courses in RE/RI.
- Correct interpretation and implementation of the Vancouver Recommendations.
- Available updated templates for authorship contracts.
- A monitoring system for all on-going co-authorship contracts.

## Communication is the key



Communicate early,  
clearly, respectfully,  
honestly and continually.

## NREC encourages researchers to:

- Act with respect and understanding for cultural differences between countries, academic disciplines, research groups and individual researchers/personalities.
- Ensure honest and open communication from the start between all parties involved in the research project.
- Discuss general expectations for various roles.
- Achieve an early common understanding of the applicable principles of authorship, such as:
  - co-authorship qualifications
  - authorship order
  - acknowledgements and credits
  - updates when changes occur.
- Make sure the discussion results in a signed co-authorship contract.
- Revise the contract when needed.



- What do you think the main reasons for co-authorship conflicts are?
- How do you think NREC can help prevent co-authorship conflicts?

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