

# RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO GOOD PRACTICES IN DETERMINING CO-AUTHORSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Having in regard good practices related to the determination of co-authorship of scientific publications at IFJ PAN and in the case of scientific teams that do not have developed formalized principles of co-authorship (such as those used by large scientific collaborations), the following guidelines are recommended.

**It is recommended that an author or co-author of a scientific publication should be a person fulfilling one of the conditions below:**

All persons fulfilling the above conditions should be indicated as co-authors. The above-mentioned criteria should not be used in order to exclude a person from co-authorship. It should be remembered that co-authorship is each time voluntary and the consent from a potential co-author should be obtained directly by the "main author".

It should be emphasized that co-authorship depends on the decision whether a given contribution can be considered as "significant". Persons whose contributions cannot be considered as "significant" should be indicated in the section "Acknowledgements". It is unacceptable to include in the authors' team a person who is not an actual co-author of a publication (e.g. for reasons of politeness or to raise the prestige of a paper).

It should be emphasized that according to the Code of Ethics for Researchers (published by PAN): obtaining financial resources, giving access to equipment and providing a training on using this equipment, as well as general administrative supervision over a research team do not give a right to co-authorship. A head of a research unit cannot be automatically regarded as a co-author of papers published by his/her subordinate workers.

- a person who took part in research planning or in collecting, analyzing or interpreting its results;
- a person who took part in editing the content of a paper or who made important substantive amendments.



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Co-authorship matters are settled in the Act of February 4, 1994 – Law on Copyright and Related Rights.