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**Professor Jan Grabowski / Procedure 29-2**

Dear Prof. Charbonneau,

We refer to the complaint filed with University of Ottawa (UO) on behalf of **Polish Media Issues** (PMI) on Feb. 13, 2018; the subsequent correspondence between PMI and UO, together with your decision on behalf of UO to dismiss the PMI complaint.

**On behalf of PMI, we submit a request for reconsideration or complementing your decision dated May 30 by providing reasons for the dismissal.**

**I. REASONS FOR SUBMISSIONS**

**1. The PMI complaint fulfills all the criteria for a Responsible Allegation, as defined in Section 42 of the UO Procedure 29-2.**

- 1.1.1. The complaint is **novel**. The complaint was promptly raised after evidence for the research manipulation was discovered.
- 1.1.2. PMI acted in **good faith and without malice**. There is no evidence to the contrary. The complaint clearly concerned academic standards of research and was righteous.
- 1.1.3. The complaint falls within the **OU Breaches of Responsible Conduct of Research**, i.e. specifically within points: (a) fabrication, (b) falsification and (f) invalid authorship.

For details please refer to: the emails of Dr. Marek Blazejak to Ms. Catherine Paquet dated February 13, 2018; to Prof. Kevin Kee dated February 23, 2018 and to the Advisory Panel on Research Ethics dated February 27, 2018 as well as the emails of Mr. Chris Jezewski to Prof. Kevin Kee dated April 5, 2018; a letter to prof. Sylvain Charbonneau dated April 19, 2018 and the email to the Office of Provost dated May 3, 2018.

2. Although you state that the complaint does not satisfy “the criteria for a Responsible Allegation, as defined in Procedure 29-2” you have not provided any explanation for your statement. Due to that deficiency your reply cannot be considered substantive.
3. **It was Ms. Paquet** - Director, Office of Research Ethics and Integrity - **not PMI, who invoked the Procedure 29-2**. PMI invoked the Policy 115 - Responsible Conduct of Research of the Ottawa University (Approved Senate 2014-2015.61 and Board of Governors 2015.60).
4. **The number of 200,000 alleged Jewish fugitives has never been confirmed by any scholars.**

The following table summarizes the research currently available:

Total Jewish Fugitives	Surviving Jewish Fugitives	Survival Rate	Total Deaths Caused by Poles	Total Deaths Caused by Alleged Polish Wrongdoing	Holocaust Scholar
<u>100,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	50%	<i>Not available</i>	<i>Not available</i>	Gunnar S. Paulsson
80,000-120,000	<u>40,000-60,000</u>	<u>50%</u>	<i>Not available</i>	<i>Not available</i>	Teresa Prekerowa
80,000-120,000	<u>40,000-60,000</u>	<u>50%</u>	<i>Not available</i>	<i>Not available</i>	Ewa Koziminski-Frejlak
<u>&gt;200,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<50%	<i>Not available</i>	<i>Not available</i>	Szymon Datner
<u>160,000-240,000</u>	<u>40,000-60,000</u>	16%-25%	<i>Not available</i>	<i>Not available</i>	Jan Grabowski

## II. CONCLUSIONS

All of the above, in a clear way, point to the conclusions that Prof. Grabowski:

- misused the name of a renowned Polish Jewish scholar, Prof. Szymon Datner,
- falsified or manipulated Prof. Datner's numbers,
- accused Poles of murdering 200,000 Jews (Prof. Datner had never documented such numbers) without any scientific/research evidence causing substantial harm,
- passed the fabricated data to an influential Israeli online news site Times of Israel,
- allowed the fabricated data to be reproduced in numerous other media, incl. the Facebook pages of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

It is of the utmost importance that information on the Holocaust is NOT distorted and academic ethical standards are NOT compromised.

**Therefore, we submit our request for your consideration together with an offer for any additional information you may require.**

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

**Polish Media Issues**