

STATEMENT on pseudoscience

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1. The Ethics Committee for Research and Teaching at the University of A Coruña (CEID-UDC) is a collegiate, interdisciplinary, independent and advisory university body whose purpose is to evaluate and ensure the ethical correctness of research and teaching and to promote scientific and academic integrity at the University of A Coruña (UDC).
2. The University of A Coruña is responsible for the development, transmission and critique of science, technology and culture.
3. In exercising this function, the University of A Coruña will defend academic freedom and autonomy and promote quality in the performance of its activities.
4. Academic freedom, freedom of research, freedom of expression and the absence of prior censorship are guarantees of research, teaching and dissemination at the University of A Coruña.

II

5. Pseudoscience involves the transmission or dissemination of knowledge that is presented as scientific without being based on scientific arguments, criteria or methods.
6. Pseudoscience is ethically incorrect because it undermines two basic values in the pursuit of knowledge: truth and trust.
7. Pseudoscience damages scientific and academic integrity because it fails to meet two requirements of responsible research and teaching: rigour and honesty.

III

8. For the reasons set out above, the UDC's Research and Teaching Ethics Committee rejects pseudoscience and concludes that the University of A Coruña must guarantee scientific and academic integrity in all activities that make use of its name, image or facilities.

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