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Scientific integrity has become increasingly important at universities and other academic institutions in recent years. The increasingly intense competition for research funding and positions, and the resulting pressure to publish, have not only led to more frequent and bitter conflicts over authorship, but also to a rise in sensitivity to the negative consequences of scientific misconduct, given the responsibility of scientists for the quality of the knowledge they produce and for the careful use of the resources they are provided by society. Universities and research institutions have responded by issuing guidelines and codes of conduct for scientific integrity and establishing positions promoting compliance with these rules. In this context, I served for five years at ETH Zurich after my retirement as a confidential advisor of ETH Zurich in counselling and conflict resolution and as a trusted representative for preliminary investigations in cases of alleged scientific misconduct in research. In this lecture, I will report on the experiences I had in this role.

