



## **Code of Professional Ethics and Conduct of Denmark-China Psychological Association (DCPA)**

### **Chapter I – General Provisions**

#### Article 1

DCPA is a bilateral, volunteer-based, non-profit academic organization dedicated to promoting exchange, cultural understanding, and collaborative development in the fields of psychology and mental health. It supports scientific inquiry, cross-cultural communication, and professional growth.

#### Article 2

DCPA is an independent, non-political, and non-profit academic body. Its activities are grounded in voluntary participation, professional self-regulation, and equitable collaboration.

#### Article 3

DCPA upholds the principles of equality in exchange, cultural respect, scientific integrity, and professional advancement, emphasizing openness, cooperation, and culturally sensitive communication.

#### Article 4

This Code applies to individual members, institutional members, volunteers, and participants involved in Association activities and collaborative projects.

#### Article 5

Membership in DCPA is voluntary. Joining indicates understanding of and willingness to follow DCPA's mission, this Code, and related procedures. Activities are guided by principles of professional self-regulation. Members may withdraw freely; upon withdrawal, access to Association-related resources and identity usage concludes accordingly.

### **Chapter II – Professional Ethics and Conduct**

#### Article 6

Members approach cultural and academic differences between the two sides with respect, openness, and an attitude of equality.

#### Article 7

Local laws, cultural customs, ethical requirements, and professional standards of the region where activities take place form the basic framework for members' conduct.

#### Article 8

Content shared in academic exchange is grounded in scientific evidence and scholarly standards.

Data and viewpoints are presented with completeness and accuracy.

Discussions related to psychology or mental health maintain scientific rigor.

#### Article 9

Information collected during activities is handled in accordance with the confidentiality requirements of DCPA and partner institutions.

If a partner institution has its own data management rules, those rules apply.

Information intended for public sharing may be released after obtaining additional written confirmation.

Sensitive information, internal discussions, or unpublished data follow DCPA's unified arrangements for presentation.

Event images or recordings rely primarily on official releases by DCPA.

Members wishing to use event images may communicate with DCPA, which will assist in determining an appropriate method of presentation.

#### Article 10

If collaboration involves interests that may influence judgment, members may communicate this with DCPA in advance to ensure transparency and smooth cooperation.

#### Article 11

Use of DCPA's name, identity, and official contact information follows DCPA's authorized procedures. Personal activities are kept separate from Association activities.

### **Chapter III – Association Resources and Activity Management**

#### Article 12

Association activities, projects, and external communication are conducted through the official email ([info@dcpa.dk](mailto:info@dcpa.dk)), designated channels, and established procedures.

#### Article 13

Resources required for activities are provided according to project arrangements and cooperative principles.

Non-members do not use Association resources or internal communication channels for activities.

After withdrawal, access to Association-related resources concludes; subsequent collaboration may proceed through formal channels.

## **Chapter IV – Political Neutrality and Activity Safety**

### Article 14

DCPA does not participate in or express political positions.

Activities do not involve political parties, elections, public policy debates, or territorial sovereignty issues. Members avoid content that may be interpreted as political in the context of Association activities to maintain neutrality.

### Article 15

Association activities do not involve alcohol or substances that may impair judgment.

Participation is based on maintaining clarity and professionalism.

Where alcohol is customary in local cultural settings, members may choose alternatives in line with Association principles.

## **Chapter V – Activity Conduct and Collaboration Norms**

To maintain a professional, friendly, and safe collaborative environment, the following situations are considered important to avoid during Association activities:

(1) Expressions or behavior inconsistent with cultural respect

Including stereotypes, cultural disparagement, or overly biased judgments.

(2) Behavior inconsistent with scientific and professional standards

Such as using unverified methods, incomplete data, or non-evidence-based content.

(3) Presentation of information without prior coordination

Using unconfirmed information, images, or internal materials for public presentation.

(4) Use of Association identity outside agreed purposes

Participating in external activities while implying Association representation without confirmation.

(5) Communication that may be interpreted as political

Introducing political topics into collaborative or academic contexts.

(6) Behavior inconsistent with activity safety principles

Using alcohol or substances that may affect professional presence.

(7) Sexual conduct inconsistent with professional boundaries

Including sexually suggestive comments, jokes, implications, or interactions not aligned with professional norms.

Upon confirmation of any of the above situations, DCPA will provide a formal written statement describing the circumstances and confirming the conclusion of the individual's membership, in order to maintain the collaborative environment and professional image of DCPA.

## **Chapter VI – Communication and Coordination**

### Article 16



Members who have questions regarding communication methods, cultural differences, or activity boundaries may consult DCPA, which will assist in determining appropriate approaches.

#### Article 17

DCPA welcomes suggestions from members to support continuous improvement of cooperation processes and experiences.

### **Chapter VII – Supplementary Provisions**

#### Article 18

This Code reflects DCPA's autonomy as an academic organization and aims to uphold respect, safety, and scientific integrity throughout the exchange process.

#### Article 19

DCPA is responsible for the interpretation, updating, and maintenance of this Code.

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