Automating Image Duplication Checks

The advent of plagiarism checkers has resulted in the automation of checks to scan for plagiarised content in manuscripts submitted.

Though such plug and play solutions for imaging checks are yet to be developed, an article in Nature titled "Researchers have finally created a tool to spot duplicated images across thousands of papers" highlights the conception of an algorithm that is able to call out duplicated images through database searches. While still in its early stage, this algorithm can potentially be rolled out to journals and research integrity offices to automate the currently manual process.

Training for NTU IRB members

On 13th March 2018, trainers from CENTRES (Clinical Ethics Network+ Research Ethics Support) conducted a workshop for NTU IRB members on ethical principles when involving human subjects in research. CENTRES is a national training platform catered to enhancing capabilities of ethics committees’ work in Singapore.

Ms Sumytra Menon, Programme Director at CENTRES, and her team, tailored the workshop towards the nature of Social Behavioural and Educational research. There were breakout session where case examples were discussed with the assistance of facilitators.

The aim is to ensure that the ethical standards of research in NTU is comparable to internationally accepted standards.