UK PONI Code of Conduct

UK PONI serves to promote debate and discussion on a wide range of nuclear issues, some of which could be sensitive or divisive. While the views of all members are welcome, it is vital that these are expressed in a courteous and considerate manner. This is especially true for UK PONI, whose objective is to encourage a next generation of nuclear experts to engage with these discussions, and whose events often feature young speakers.

Conduct not welcome at UK PONI events therefore includes, but is not limited to: repeated interruptions of the moderators or presenters; the use of derogatory language or personal comments; discrimination of any form; misrepresenting the original work of another as one’s own; and the intimidation or harassment of UK PONI members or staff.

Should a member engage in any of these forms of conduct, or others which undermine courteous dialogue and debate, then the Director of UK PONI – or in the event of his/her absence, a member of the organising team – shall be empowered to prevent admission to an event, seek the removal of a person(s) from an event, and prevent admission to future events.

In addition, the Director of UK PONI shall be permitted, in consultation with the UK PONI Board of Directors, to withdraw the membership of any member should he or she feel that such a step is warranted. This decision can be appealed in writing to the UK PONI Board of Directors, as is detailed in the UK PONI Operating Principles which are available at www.rusi.org/ukponi.

A copy of this code of conduct shall be available in print form at all UK PONI events.