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By Registered Post

By email: legal@wordpress.com

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Matter: Defamation and Breach of Data Rights

Our Clients: Dana Cristina Toncu

Dear WordPress

We write to advise that have been instructed by Dana Toncu to correspond with you in relation to allegations that have been made about her by Leonid Schneider, and shared on your platform:

<https://forbetterscience.com/2022/09/14/the-indefatigable-ashutosh-tiwari/>

Please be advised that we are satisfied that the said blog published false allegations. Those allegations were grossly defamatory of our client's character and caused her reputation to be injured in the eyes of reasonable members of society.

The blog post states that "Toncu therefore helped Tiwari with organising scamferencing and running his predatory publishing side-business, as managing editor of the pseudo-journal *Advanced Materials Letters*" and accuses her of lying about attending a conference in Sweden in May 2022.

This post referred to and were understood to refer to our client, who is a respected academic currently working as a Research Work-Flow Coordinator in University College Dublin.

The words published in these articles meant or were understood to mean that our client is involved in a scam; is a liar; and is predatory and exploitative of young students.

None of these things are true.

Our client has established a good reputation in academia in Ireland, by reason of her hard work over several years. Her reputation is of vital importance to her in her profession and in the community. As a result of the gravely defamatory content of the post, which has been

shared on your platform, our client has suffered a loss of reputation, and has recently had an offer of employment withdrawn on foot of the defamatory content being published and shared.

In addition to defaming our client, by allowing this content to be posted on your platform, you have breached copyright by publishing her images online and you have breached her rights under data protection legislation and the General Data Protection Regulation, in publishing inaccurate information about our client online, and images of which were taken and processed without her consent.

Please confirm *by return* what steps you propose to take to rectify the matters set out in this letter. Please confirm that you will forthwith publish a retraction of your false and defamatory allegations about our client. Please apologise for these defamatory comments forthwith. We trust that you will ensure that the apology is given due prominence.

Our client has a right to erasure of all of her personal information, including excerpts from emails and her photos under Article 17 of GDPR from the websites.

Please also set out your proposals to compensate our client within 14 days from the date hereof.

We will advise our client should we not receive a response from you on instituting proceedings against you.

Yours faithfully



Cumiskey Solicitors