

ICAI 2020: The quest of academic integrity in a globalized education landscape

PlagScan participated in the Annual ICAI Conference in Portland, Oregon, as both sponsor, and key panelist in the conference's main EdTech panel discussion. During the conference, PlagScan was able to discuss the latest trends and overall concerns by leading researchers.

Portland, Oregon (March 2020) - Whereas, some of the methods to cheat, such as, illegally cooperating during exams, or not quoting references correctly, have been 'evergreens' to discuss during conferences in the global academic integrity community. It was interesting to see that new tools and ways of academic misconduct are on the rise. Hot topics among the cheating techniques discussed were technology gadgets, such as smartwatches and hearing/listening devices, as well as outsourcing assignments and theses to ghostwriters and so-called paper mills on the internet.

Artificial Intelligence to Support Professors and Students

As Markus Goldbach, CEO of PlagScan, highlighted during the panel discussion, "Artificial Intelligence is a chance to tackle several of the challenges that are put on the educational system today. Nowadays, we can detect plagiarism in a short period of time. We are also able to evaluate scientifically the likelihood of a student having truly written the turned in assignment.

But - and this is a very substantial point - in the end, Artificial Intelligent is somewhat artificial. Our software intends to set fair and equal educational standards, raise awareness for moral conduct. By doing so, we support educators who can focus on teaching, rather than punishing students."

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Policies at Universities Needed More Than Ever

As organizers and speakers highlighted many times during the conference, moral conduct can't be expected if the faculty doesn't enforce it through fair policies. Only when students believe the rewards and actually sense what moral conduct brings, will their moral compass be set towards Academic Integrity.

PlagScan regards its solution as one of the essential tools for faculty to find out which students need improvement of their academic writing skills. By pointing out cheating attempts, PlagScan motivates students and their peers to conform to the rules of moral conduct.

For more profound views on this topic, PlagScan's CEO Markus Goldbach is happy to discuss with members of the media how the PlagScan solution can have an impact on global education.

Please reach out to press@plagscan.com or call +49 (0) 221 75988994 to arrange an interview.

General information on the technical background, further areas of application for companies and price models can be found at: www.plagscan.com

About PlagScan

PlagScan is an education software provider, creating award-winning tools to safeguard Academic Integrity and Copyrights. We develop high-tech solutions in compliance with strict data security regulations since 2009 and our solutions serve more than 2,000 organizational customers worldwide. PlagScan educates students on the topic of plagiarism and academic integrity to maintain quality of education helping to educate original thinkers and writers.