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Subject: from Retraction Watch

Dear Dr. Thresher-

Thank you for sending us the information about your recent retraction.

We'd like to write something about it -- I'm assuming that's okay, based on your communications, but please let me know if this material was meant to just be on background. If we write about it, our reporter will be contacting the principal people involved, just FYI.

Also, have you sent this information to any other outlet? If not, I'd appreciate it if you could hold off until we publish a story.

Thanks,
Alison

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Alison,

Sorry about the delay. My husband and I have been working on this very issue. Speaking of which, I am Dr. Claudia Kubatzki. My husband is Dr. Duane Thresher. If you Google Dr. Thresher you would find him. If you want to know about me you would have to Google Dr. Kubatzki. You can call me Claudia though.

The retraction was not recent. It occurred in Dec 2010 but was just the tip of the iceberg. There was serious corruption leading up to it from 2005 and serious corruption to today. Most recently Lohmann yet again tried to fraudulently cite the retracted paper as a valid one. This time though I thought I would make all this corruption the big public issue it always should have been, starting with following up with Retraction Watch.

To tell the story, which is also the story of corrupt German climate science, I sent a series of emails, with a lot of proof, to everyone in Germany who should be concerned and then my husband and I put them on a webpage:

http://RealClimatologists.org/1_GoryDetails/KorruppteDeutscheKlimawissenschaft

We also created an English version of this webpage:

http://RealClimatologists.org/1_GoryDetails/CorruptGermanClimateScience

That's where you should start with this story.

Obviously I am fine with the background I initially gave you being very public.

Retraction Watch is actually included on the webpage and I hope you won't mind if this email shows up there as well.

Further, feel free to contact whoever you want about this. You can start with the To list on the webpage.

I tried the Wiley email addresses but they seem to be defunct now. I tried to contact anyone at Wiley or the journal (GEB) to finally update

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1466-8238.2010.00648.x/full>

so it doesn't, fraudulently, look like even after 5 years COPE is still reviewing the retraction. I got no response. As you know, that's how publishers deal with corruption -- they just ignore it.

That is also how German climate science deals with corruption. To date, from the long To list I have received only a single reply: the one from Lohmann where he tries to pretend, yet again, he didn't know the unretracted version of the retracted paper, not available since 2010, had been put up on his individual account at academia.edu.

After I showed that to be complete nonsense, even Lohmann shut up, which is quite remarkable since his usual defense is just to ramble on in broken English trying every excuse he can think of, as you can tell from the lawyer email thread.

I thus think that no matter who you contact on that To list (or when) you will get only a "no comment, we're reviewing the case" or no response at all.

German science tries to pretend the fundamentally-flawed concept of ombudsmen prevents corruption. But ombudsmen already have other jobs at their institutions and they would not last 5 minutes if they tried to punish anyone at the institution for corruption.

When my husband and I were at AWI and tried to complain to the listed ombudsman he didn't even seem to be at the institution anymore!

The email story was also sent to several German newspapers -- without a single response.

And even when German newspapers rarely report academic corruption, the names of those involved are never given. One's scientific reputation is considered so sacred that nothing, not even proven corruption, is allowed to harm it, which makes it meaningless.

Martin Claussen, a leading German climate scientist, was my boss and mentor for 10 years. In the email thread

http://RealClimatologists.org/1_GoryDetails/CorruptGermanClimateScience/ClaussenEmailThread.pdf

he threatens my reputation in order to try to stop me from having the paper retracted.

There are some great quotes in that thread. For example, this so-called seeker of truth says, "if now you only think in categories such as truth, lie, and crime, we don't need to talk anymore".

I've got more about Claussen's corruption that will be made public. The webpage will be updated over time with new emails I am sending.

If you have any questions for me feel free to ask. Obviously, I have a lot to say on the subject.

Claudia