Collection of personal experiences

Each scientist involved in the scheme by Villa Europa can write here her/his own experience.

The paragraph **Facts** should contain the dry description of what happened.

The paragraph **Comments** can add information that can be useful to understand the full picture and the single cases. No personal opinion against Villa Europa should be written, as it would just weaken the document.

One or at most two pages per person should be fine.

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Seminar (date and title)

20.11.2020, Modelling the deceleration of COVID-19 spreading

Facts

On Nov. 2, 2020 I was contacted by who signed the email with "Dr. Matteo (Matt) Ferensby" (email openacademicpress@gmail.com) to give a webinar on November 20th, 2020 at 5 pm (CET), in an event "7th webinar COVID-19 Forecasting and Prediction". No mention of any cost was made there and by anybody before the talk. A secretary "Anne Adamczewsky"" (anne.adamczewsky@gmail.com) contacted me to ask for many personal details, including the mobile phone number and Italian "codice fiscale". I asked her why they needed all of them and the answer was:

A part of the provided information is required in our scientific research reporting of our activities. No worries, however, it is strictly confidential!

Ferensby was the moderator of the talk. After the talk, I got this email from Anne:

... Since the YouTube service requires us to clear the copyright issues with the recordings posted on our channel at YouTube, I'm sending relevant papers. However, due to COVID-19, I suppose that you are not visiting the university too frequently. Could you please provide me with your personal address to make sure that my letter will be delivered on time?

After receiving the "relevant papers" (file unsigned-doc-Baiesi-1.pdf) I got the feeling that they were too long for just allowing publication in YouTube. However, I was unable to note that in the last page of this long paperwork there were hidden costs, written in letters and not in numbers:

2.10 Provision, relationship and obligations. The Lecturer, whose grantor institution name and address is on the page three and/or 4, is its employee with a valid mandate (power of attorney, authorization, or any other legal entitlement) of that institution to sign this agreement, agrees to furnish to VE a net seven hundred ninety euro for webinar debate fee and open access publication required for of the debate proceedings net two thousand seven hundred eighty five euro to cover editorial work. The parties of this contract also agree that in the case of dispute the law of Poland will In these documents there appears for the first time a company "Villa Europa", located in Warsaw.

One month after sending the signed documents to Villa Europa, they sent me back a modified version (points 2.2 and 2.3 were changed) with their signature, and an additional page with a table of costs, but without any official bill.

In the same period, I got an email from Johannes Müller (<u>johannes.mueller@mytum.de</u>) informing me that he noticed the costs, so that I realized this fact.

With the support from the legal office of the University of Padova, on Nov. 20, 2020, I sent to Villa Europa a letter (by email and regular mail, see file Baiesi_to_VillaEuropa.pdf) with a "Cease and Desist Order", explaining why the irregularities in their procedures, including the fact they modified and altered paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3, forced me to declare "I order you to delete my intervention from your Youtube channel and your online platform,reserving the right to take legal action with the competent criminal authorities as of now."

After that I did not receive any answer by email or by mail from Villa Europa.

Later I discovered that the image in the email account of the secretary is actually the picture of another person: Anna Pavlova, Professor of Finance; Academic Director, AQR Asset Management Institute; https://www.london.edu/faculty-and-research/faculty-profiles/p/pavlova-a



Comments

Villa Europa tries to separate scientists from their institutions, so that they feel less protected.

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Seminar (date, title)

Piecewise quadratic growth during the 2019 novel coronavirus epidemic

Facts

Invitation by Ferensby on April 8, 2020

I presented a talk on April 24, 2020

On May 13, 2020, Anne Adamchewsky emailed about a letter she would send about "copyright, etc. issues" that I would need to sign.

I did get a letter and returned it with my signature, but didn't keep a copy.

On August 24, 2020, Anne wrote "my cat walked on the table and spilled coffee" and I would need to sign.

In November 2021 (over 1.5 years later!), a registered letter from Sad Arbitrazowy Lewiatan arrived (see separate folder)

On December 21, 2022, a regular letter from the Swedish Court arrived (see separate folder) I have until January 31, 2023 to present evidence in my favor.

On January 17, 2023, I engaged Thomas Ekenberg as my lawyer.

Comments

Unlike real arbitration courts, where the cases are handled confidentially (without knowledge of the public), the business in the Swedish Court is public. My lawyer remarked that Sienicki did not include a confidentiality request.

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