

Rejoinders.....



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ATTENTION! INDIGNATION MEETING

The Citizens of Ann Arbor, are requested to meet at the Court House this evening, at 6 o'clock, to take into consideration the conduct of the *FACULTY* of the University of Michigan, in *Expelling* all the Students belonging to Secret Societies!

December 20, 1849. MANY CITIZENS.

Or for outrage, frustration and
indignation

or depression



ARC Rejoinders

Should I make a rejoinder or not?

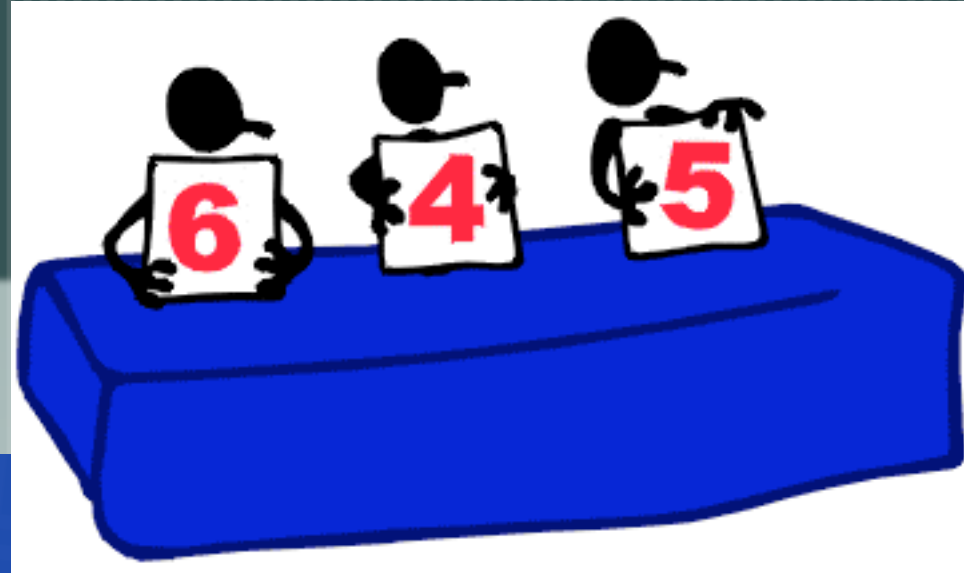
Do I have to be polite to assessors?

even when they don't know what they're talking about?

Does anything I say make a difference?

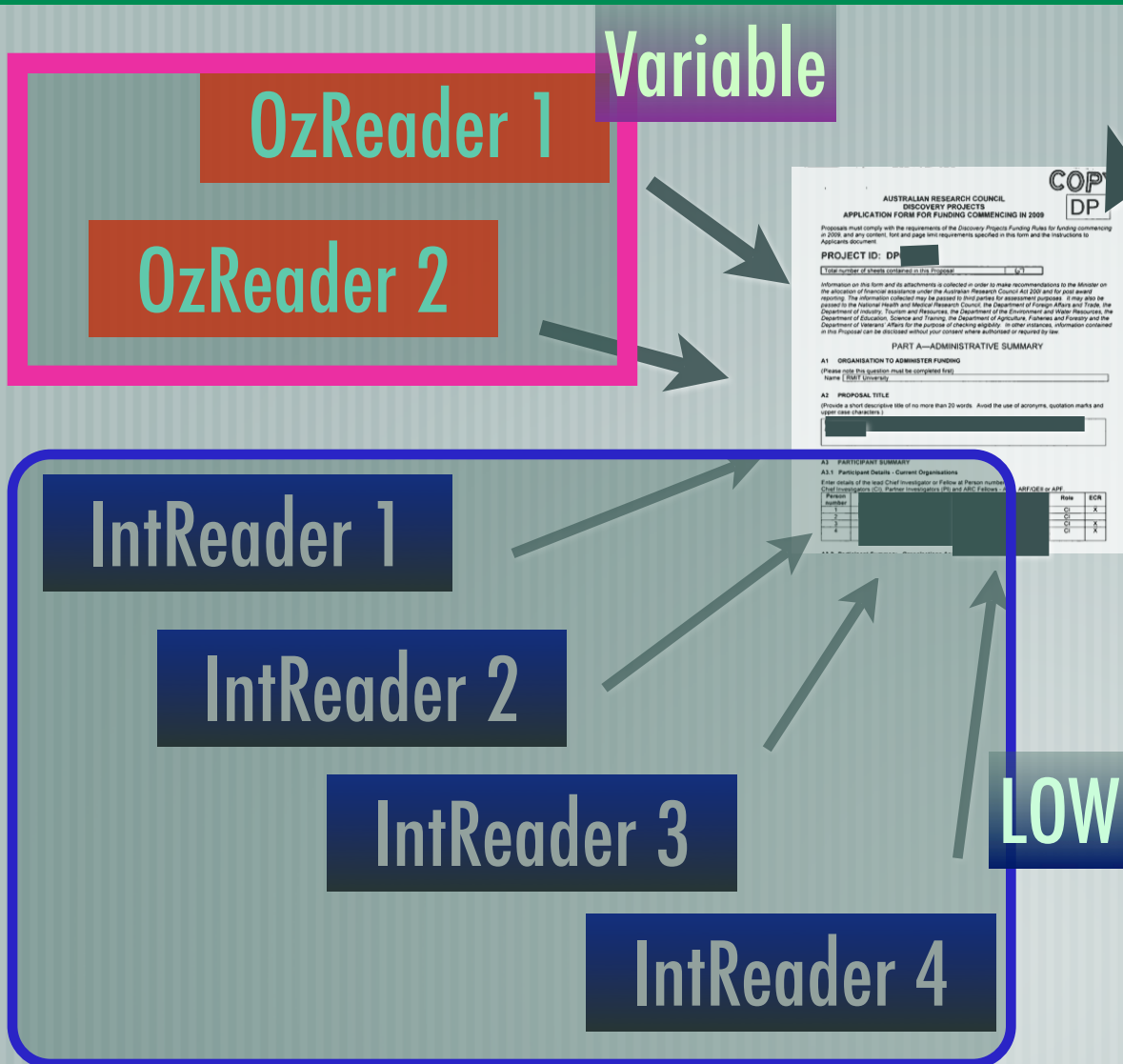
What if the reports are inconsistent with each other?

What if all my reports are good?



A few details on the process

Who scores your proposal?



NO reports

Thickness and opacity of lines indicates relative weights of scores

Thinking about your reports

The 2 COE members do not write reports....

but their scores carry a high weight in final ranking

The Ozreaders and Intreaders do write reports

If you get 3 reports, then

2 1

2

Intreaders

1 2

4

If you get 6 reports, then

Ozreaders

Number	Name	ECR
1	C1	X
2	C2	X
3	C3	X
4	C4	X

Decisions under uncertainty

In many cases, your response will make no difference
Eg - you have 3 scores, 2 high, and one low

2 high scores are from Intreaders

But you (usually) cannot
tell which is which

But Ozreader has scored you down

And College of Expert assessors have scored the proposal low

(CoE members don't write any reports...)

Your response is not likely to make a difference in this case



But now imagine a slight difference

This time, you still have

3 reports, 2 highly favourable, and one negative

2 favourable ones are from Intreaders

But Ozreader has negative view

And College of Expert assessors have scored the proposal at the margins for funding

Your response to the negative Ozreader report may tip the balance in favour of getting your project funded

So what should you write?

Reinforce positives - even if all your reports are good

Criticize assessors who have made mistakes

eg - misunderstand or misread a key thesis

have a prejudice against a perfectly good methodology you use

make factual or other clear mistakes in their own reports

don't be diffident

and always give clear reasons for what you say

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Other suggestions....

If you have more results, or publications, since submission, say so

Focus on particular criticisms, rather than general points

It may help to call your assessors 'A', 'B' and 'C' or some such

Be concise and to the point - simple and structured

Treat it like your original submission - work on it and get feedback from colleagues if possible

For some panels, the rejoinder should be as non-technical as possible, i.e.: written in a way that the College of Experts can understand

And don't forget....

There's always next year!!!

