# Bibliography / Register of ePublications on University Email Account Retention, 2022–2026

Professors Emeriti Network / Retired Professors Associations Network (RPAN)

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The purpose of this register is to make e-articles, e-papers, reports, statements and presentations concerning the retention of university email accounts after retirement *visible, searchable and reusable*. Particular attention is given to professionally and academically active retired professors who do not hold the emeritus title.

The initiative has developed substantially: from documenting differences in university IT policies in 2022, through ethical and age-friendliness questions in 2023–2025, to costs, cybersecurity, international comparisons, ageism, AI, and calls for institutional action in 2026.

The register demonstrates a clear evolution of the work. In *2022–2023*, the central questions were *What are universities doing?* and *Is the practice ethically justified?* In *2024–2025,* the discussion broadened to consequences, discrimination, age-friendliness and the responsibility of professors emeriti. In *2026*, the work became increasingly *evidence- and action-oriented*: costs, cybersecurity, international examples, institutional ageism, active aging, associations, and direct appeals to university leadership.

An especially important milestone was the *15 April 2026 Professors Emeriti Network Zoom meeting devoted specifically to "Retention of University Email Accounts for Retired Professors,"* chaired by Michelle Porter, with Eric Hockert as discussant. The network page brings the presentation, digital-access material, cost studies, cybersecurity analysis, European examples, and other supporting documents together in one place.

The Bibliography / Register of e-Publications on University Email Account Retention, 2022–2026 documents the development of an international initiative concerning the continued use of university email accounts by professors after retirement.

What began as a question about university information-technology policy has gradually developed into a broader question concerning academic identity, professional continuity, active aging, age-friendly universities, digital inclusion, cybersecurity, institutional costs, artificial intelligence, and the continuing contribution of retired professors to universities and society.

The Register is intended as a living document. New e-articles, reports, statements, research findings, examples of university policies, and experiences of retired professors should be added as they become available.

Particular attention is invited to examples of universities that enable retired professors—including those without emeritus status—to retain a university email account. Such examples demonstrate that retirement from employment need not mean retirement from the academic community or loss of one's university digital identity.

The purpose of the Register is not only to document a problem. It is to support evidence-based discussion and encourage practical solutions.
*Question courageously. Examine evidence carefully. Conclude cautiously. Engage respectfully. Seek solutions collaboratively.*

| Date | Title | Author / Source | Type | Main issue | Link |
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| **03/2022** | *Retired Professors Entitlements for Access to University IT: Universities Policy* | Jože Gričar / Professors Emeriti Network | Report | First comparative investigation of university policies concerning email, software and IT support for retired professors | Report |
| **03/10/2023** | *Ethical Issues in Making University Information Technology Available to Retired Professors* | Jože Gričar / Professors Emeriti Network | e-Paper | Ethical dimension of unequal post-retirement IT access | Network collection |
| **27/12/2023** | *Retention of University Email Address of Higher Education Teachers after Retirement: A Statement Paper* | Professors Emeriti Ethical and Legal Aspect Group / Professors Emeriti Network | Statement Paper | Formal statement supporting continued email access | Statement Paper page |
| **03/04/2024** | *Is It Ethically Correct that a University Does* | ChatGPT / Professors | e-Article | Ethical justification of | Collection |

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| | *Not Allow a Professor to Use the University Email Account after Retirement?* | Emeriti Network | | terminating email | |
| **20/05/2024** | *Letter to Professors Emeriti to Support the Retention of the University Email Accounts of All Professors Upon Retirement* | Professors Emeriti Ethical and Legal Aspect Group | Letter / Statement | Calls on emeriti to advocate for non-emeriti retired colleagues | Letter |
| **24/05/2024** | *Is a University Age-Friendly that Cancels the Email Address of Professors upon Retirement?* | ChatGPT | e-Article | Email retention as an age-friendly-university issue | e-Publications collection |
| **06/06/2024** | *Why Would All Professors Who Want, Be Able to Retain Their University Email Account Upon Retirement?* | Jože Gričar | e-Paper | Case for voluntary continued accounts for all retired professors | e-Paper |
| **01/07/2024** | *What Do Universities Where Professors Retain Their Email Accounts upon Retirement Have in Common?* | ChatGPT | e-Article | Characteristics and good practices of email-retaining universities | Collection |
| **11/07/2024** | *What Are the Consequences of Canceling the University Email Account of* | ChatGPT | e-Article | Professional, academic and digital consequences | Collection |

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| | *Professors upon Retirement?* | | | | |
| **19/07/2024** | *How Can Retired (Emeriti) Professors Associations Support the Use of University eTechnology?* | Jože Gričar | e-Paper | Role of associations in securing digital access | Collection |
| **01/08/2024** | *Why Do Retired Academics Need Continued Access to Information Technology to Make Ongoing Contributions to Their Universities and Society?* | ChatGPT | e-Article | Relationship between IT access and continued academic contribution | Collection |
| **22/08/2024** | *When It Comes to Keeping a University Email Account upon Retirement, American Universities Are More Favorable to Professors than European Ones. What Can Retired Professors Do in Europe?* | ChatGPT | e-Article | US–Europe comparison and possible European action | Collection |
| **25/09/2024** | *Retired Professors Who Are Not Allowed to Use a University Email Account Are Discriminated* | Jože Gričar / Professors Emeriti Network | Paper / Presentation | Digital discrimination and unequal treatment | Paper |

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| **22/04/2025** | *Terminating University Email Accounts for Professors as They Retire Is Not Consistent with the Principles of an Age-Friendly University* | ChatGPT | e-Article | Email termination assessed against age-friendly-university principles | Professors Emeriti Network |
| **28/10/2025** | *Emeriti Initiative: University Email Account Retention upon Retirement* | Professors Emeriti Network | Initiative / Resource page | Dedicated initiative to encourage universities to maintain retired professors' access to IT | Initiative |
| **05/02/2026** | *Why Are Universities Not Allowing Retired Professors to Use University Email Account upon Retirement?* | ChatGPT | e-Article | Reasons universities give for termination | Network collection |
| **06/02/2026** | *University Email Account and Engagement of Retired Non-Emeriti Professors* | Google / ChatGPT | e-Article | Effect of email access on continued engagement of non-emeriti | Network collection |
| **18/02/2026** | *Keeping a University Email Account After Retirement: A Big Problem for Many Retired Professors in 2026* | Google AI Overview | e-Article | Scale and contemporary relevance of the problem | Network collection |
| **20/02/2026** | *Problems Which Professors Have Because Their Email Account* | ChatGPT | e-Article | Practical consequences for affected professors | Network collection |

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| | *Has Been Deactivated upon Retirement* | | | | |
| **08/03/2026** | *How Harmful Is It that Some Universities Are Removing Retirees' University Email Accounts?* | Google AI Overview / ChatGPT | e-Article | Assessment of harms caused by termination | Network collection |
| **10/03/2026** | *How Much Does It Cost a University Annually to Provide a University Email Account after a Professor Retires?* | ChatGPT | e-Report | Actual cost of maintaining accounts | Network collection |
| **14/03/2026** | *Research Showing that Retired Professors Themselves Are Not a Cybersecurity Threat* | ChatGPT | e-Report | Examination of cybersecurity justification | Network collection |
| **16/03/2026** | *Universities in Europe that Provide University Email Account upon Retirement to Non-Emeriti Professors* | ChatGPT / Google AI | e-Report | European examples and good practices | Network collection |
| **01/04/2026** | *Universities that Terminate Professors' University Email Accounts upon Retirement: Costs per Retiree* | ChatGPT | e-Report | Cost evidence and economic rationale | Network collection |

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| **02/04/2026** | *Raising Questions about the (Un)justification of Terminating University Email Accounts Is Institutionally Undesirable* | ChatGPT | e-Article | Institutional reluctance to question established policy | Network collection |
| **07/04/2026** | *How Much Does a University Save (in Dollars) by Terminating a Professor's University Email Account upon Retirement?* | ChatGPT / Google AI Mode | e-Report | Financial savings versus consequences | Network collection |
| **04/2026** | *Retention of University Email Accounts for Retired Professors* | Professors Emeriti Network | Letter / e-Paper | Formal case for continued accounts for professionally active retired faculty | Full paper |
| **15/04/2026** | *Retention of University Email Accounts for Retired Professors* | Michelle M. Porter, University of Manitoba | Presentation | Retiree engagement and email retention | Presentation |
| **15/04/2026** | *Digital Access* | Eric Hockert / AROHE, UMRA | Presentation | Broader digital access for retired academics | Meeting materials |
| **15/04/2026** | *Post-Retirement Access to University eTechnology* | Professors Emeriti Network | e-Paper | Email as part of continued university digital infrastructure access | Meeting collection |
| **20/04/2026** | *University Administrations Should Reconsider the Old Policy of* | ChatGPT | e-Article | Need to modernize legacy retirement policies | Network collection |

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| | *Deleting Email Accounts of Retiring Professors in an Increasingly Digitalized Society* | | | | |
| **24/04/2026** | *Enabling eTechnology Access for Active Retired Professors to Support Cross-Border eCollaboration* | ChatGPT / Google AI Mode | e-Article | Email/IT access as infrastructure for international collaboration | Network collection |
| **25/04/2026** | *Provision of Email Accounts for Retirees: Example University of Manitoba* | Jože Gričar | e-Article / Case study | Example of institutional good practice | Network page |
| **08/06/2026** | *Retention of University Email Accounts upon Retirement: A Global Problem in 2026* | ChatGPT / Google AI Mode | e-Article | Reframes the question as an international higher-education issue | Network page |
| **19–20/06/2026** | *Terminating University Email Accounts for Retired Professors Who Remain Academically Active Is an Unethical Act* | Professors Emeriti Network / ChatGPT | e-Article / Call to action | Ethics and need for institutional action | Network page |
| **25/06/2026** | *Proposal to Preserve University Email Accounts for Retired but Academically* | Professors Emeriti Network | Proposal | Concrete institutional policy change | Network page |

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| **26/06/2026** | *Universities that Close a University Email Account When a Professor Retires Can't Be Considered Age-Friendly* | Google AI Mode / ChatGPT | e-Article | Age-friendliness and institutional policy | Network page |
| **17/07/2026** | *Providing a University Email Account to Retired Professors Is an Essential Facilitator for Their Productive Active Aging* | ChatGPT / Google AI Mode | e-Article | Digital identity and productive active aging | Network collection |
| **25/08/2026** | *A Call for University Associations to Support Continued University Email Access for Professionally Active Retired Professors* | ChatGPT / Professors Emeriti Network | Call to Action | Mobilizing university and retiree associations | Network collection |
| **03/09/2026** | *A Letter to University Administration* | Professors Emeriti Network | Letter | Direct appeal to university leadership | Network collection |
| **08/09/2026** | *Are Retired Professors Afraid to Ask Why They Have Lost Their University Email Account?* | ChatGPT | e-Article | Reluctance of affected retirees to challenge policy | RPAN page |
| **08/09/2026** | *University of Padua Senior Scholars* | Professors Emeriti Network / University | Case study | University-wide mechanism allowing retired professors | Network page |

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| | | of Padua example | | continued digital identity and access | |
| **15/09/2026** | *Do University Values End at Retirement?* | ChatGPT | e-Article | Academic values, identity, continuity and treatment after retirement | RPAN collection |
| **24/09/2026** | *Terminating University Email Accounts: A Possible Form of Ageism* | Google AI Mode / ChatGPT | e-Article | Whether account termination warrants examination through the lens of institutional ageism | Network collection |