Publication Ethics and Publication Malpractice Statement (PEMS)

Our ethical statements are based on [COPE's Best Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors](#).

Publication decisions and Publisher's duties

The publication of the results of scientific research is a complex process that requires all members (publisher, editors, reviewers, authors) rigor and accuracy.

Carocci publishing house selects published journals on the basis of its editorial policy, and discloses its references and financial supports, if any; it encourages the adoption of international best practices and verifies their use; requires original articles - edited in accordance with Italian copyright law, unpublished and not simultaneously submitted for evaluation or publication to other journals - written in accordance with the highest standards in the publication of texts.

Moreover, Publisher encourages and verifies the use of peer review as the method to select articles, monitors and safeguards publishing ethics through editorial boards, also precluding business needs from compromising intellectual and ethical standards; disapproves plagiarism and violation of the copyright law. Carocci requires original papers based on the use of scientific and no fraudulent data, being willing to publish corrections, clarifications, retractions and apologies when needed.

Furthermore, Publisher promotes - in cooperation with the Associazione Italiana Editori (Italian Publishers Association) - reflection on the evolution of academic publishing; and cooperates with ANVUR, CUN and CRUI and with researchers and librarians on issues related to the dissemination and enhancement of research, also trough Open Access.

Editor's duties

Editors ensure the correctness of the systems used to evaluate, accept or reject the articles submitted by the authors; in particular, they monitor the peer reviewing process and preserve anonymity of reviewers in relation to the specific evaluated article. Furthermore, they shall avoid any conflict of interest, discrimination on gender, religious or political beliefs or nationality with respect to articles they either reject or accept.

Editors shall inform the publisher in case of plagiarism and violation of copyright, also alleged.

In case of proved material mistakes, conflict of interest, or plagiarism in a published article, Editors will notify the publisher and the article's author, promoting the publication of an *Erratum* or retraction of the article.

The Editor-in-chief has the duty to exercise the necessary control on the content of the journal in order to prevent criminal offenses.

The editorial board is guided by the policies of the Journal's publisher and is constrained by such legal requirements as shall then be in force regarding defamation, copyright infringement and plagiarism.

The editorial board and any editorial shall not disclose any information about a submitted manuscript to anyone other than the corresponding author or other authorized people.

Unpublished materials disclosed in a submitted manuscript shall not be used in an editors' own research without the written consent of the author.

Peer reviewer's duties

Peer reviewers assist the editor of the journal in the process of evaluation of the articles, reviewing the articles on schedule.

Reviews should be conducted objectively, and explained clearly with supporting arguments.

Reviewers should not consider manuscripts in which they have conflicts of interest resulting from competitive, collaborative, or other relationships or connections with any of the authors, companies, or institutions connected to the papers.

Reviewers should identify relevant published work that has not been cited by the authors, and should suggest to authors any revision of the text useful to the publication.

Any manuscripts received for review must be treated as confidential documents. They must not be shown to - or discussed with - others except as authorised by the editorial board.

Author's duties

Author guarantees that each article evaluated is original, unpublished and not submitted simultaneously for evaluation or publication to other journals; and s/he accepts the selection procedure of articles, especially the peer review process.

If the article is accepted by editors, the author acknowledges that the Publisher will be entitled to the publication right, authorising the uses provided for by a letter of authorization s/he has to sign before the publication.

When the author submits an article for evaluation, s/he must declare any possible conflict of interest that might be construed to influence the content of his manuscript. All sources of financial support for the project shall be disclosed.

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