

IANSA Publication Ethics and Publication Malpractice Statement

It is necessary to agree upon standards of expected ethical behaviour for all parties involved in the act of publishing (authors, editors, peer reviewers, publisher).

The IANSA ethic statements are based on the guidelines and standards developed and published by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). All documents are available free of charge on the COPE website [<http://publicationethics.org/>].

Editors

The IANSA editor is responsible for deciding which of the articles submitted to the journal should be published.

The IANSA editor will accept and evaluate manuscripts for their intellectual content regardless of race, gender, nationality, ethnic origin, political philosophy, religious belief or sexual orientation of the authors.

The editors must not disclose any information about a submitted manuscript to anyone other than stakeholders.

Unpublished manuscripts or materials must not be used in an editor's own research.

All submitted manuscripts will be considered for publication free of charge.

If there is any clash of personal interest, positive or negative, between the Editor and any of the authors of a paper submitted for review, this matter should be declared by the IANSA Editor and referred to the Editorial Board for their decision on the outcome of the submission process.

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Authors must attest that paper is their own, original and unpublished work.

Authors should guarantee that the manuscript has not been copied, plagiarised or self-plagiarised (in whole or in part); a paper should contain sufficient detail and references to permit others to replicate the work; any information sources (text, data, images ...) used in the contribution must be appropriately cited or referenced.

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Any manuscripts received for review must be treated as confidential documents.

Privileged information/ideas obtained by reviewers through the peer review process must be kept confidential and not used for personal advantage.

Personal criticism of the author is inappropriate; the review should be conducted objectively.

All suggestions and comments should be followed with supporting arguments.

Publisher

The publisher should act in ethical accordance with the IANSA code, ensuring that no financial gains are to be made from the act of publication other than those agreed with the IANSA Editorial Board.

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