

## **Standards and Ethics**

### **Ethics Statement**

“Fata Morgana Web” follow a peer-reviewed process in order to preserve the quality of publications.

All parties involved in the publication of an article must comply with the standards and ethics of the journal.

Our ethical statements follow the COPE Best Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors.

### **Duties of the Editor-in-chief**

#### *Contents*

The editor-in-chief is responsible for all decisions concerning publications in the journal.

The editor-in-chief is liable according to the criteria laid down by the law for defamation, copyright infringement and plagiarism. The editor-in-chief can consult members of the executive committee, referees or other editors in the act of making decisions.

#### *Fair Play*

The editor-in-chief estimates writings sent to the journal only on the basis of their intellectual quality. Neither racial, gender, ethnic or religious discriminations are taken into consideration in the selection of publishing material, nor prejudices concerning the authors’ sexual orientation, citizenship or political views are considered.

#### *Confidentiality*

The editor-in-chief, all members of the executive committee and all members of the editorial staff must not disclose any information about unpublished material during the period of evaluation to others except the author, a referee, another possible referee, consulting editors or the editor, depending from case to case.

#### *Spreading of unpublished material and conflict of interest*

Unreleased material must not be employed for research purposes by the editor-in-chief or by any member of the editorial staff without a clearly stated written permission from the author.

### **Duties of the Referee**

#### *Contribution to editorial decisions*

Peer review practise assists the editor-in-chief in the act of making editorial decisions and it might help authors to enhance the quality of their paper.

#### *Promptness*

Referees who consider an article not to be in line with their intellectual qualifications or think that their assessment will not be well-timed or even possible, must give notice to the editor-in-chief and give up their commitment.

#### *Confidentiality*

All unreleased material must be regarded as confidential. It must neither be shown nor spread in writing or orally, unless authorised by the editor-in-chief.

#### *Objectivity standard*

Referees must be objective. Every personal opinion about the author is considered as inappropriate. Referees must express their opinions plainly and adduce reasons for them.

#### *References*

Referees should detect relevant published works that were not quoted by the author. All statements, observations, inferences and arguments should be quoted. Referees should also inform the editor-in-chief if they acknowledge that a writing is significantly similar to or even overlapping with a published work they have knowledge of.

#### *Spreading of unpublished material and conflict of interest.*

Confidential information and ideas detected during the peer review process must remain confidential and not to be appropriated or utilised for personal advantage. Referees must not work on writings of which they can take advantage of due to competition, partnership or any relation with any author, society or institution connected to the latter.

### **Duties of the Authors**

#### *Data presentation standard*

Original researches should be presented through objective argumentation and account of the work, whose significance must also be discussed. A writing must include sufficient details and references to allow replies by others. Statements that are wittingly forged are intolerable and considered as unethical.

#### *Data access and preservation*

Authors must make available data and references on which their research is based, or clearly specify where these can be found or consulted; this applies also after the publication of the article.

#### *Originality and plagiarism*

Authors are guarantor for the originality of their paper. External sources must be appropriately quoted.

#### *Excessive and simultaneous publication*

Authors should not publish similar writings on more than one journal. This is considered as unethical and intolerable.

#### *Acknowledgment of the sources*

The duty of proper acknowledgment of others' work must always be respected. Authors must quote the sources that determined the nature of a writing.

#### *Authorship*

Authorship must be restricted to those who have contributed significantly to the ideation, planning, execution or interpretation of the paper. All of them must be indicated as co-authors. Those who have participated to any substantial part of the research should be recognised and referred to as

partners. Authors should guarantee that all real co-authors are mentioned in the writing and that they have either approved the final version of the paper and agreed on publication.

### *Revision*

If an author discovers significant mistakes or inaccuracies in a published work, she is compelled to promptly inform the editor-in-chief and contribute to its amendment.