

## **Publication Ethics and Publication Malpractice Statement**

For all parties involved in the process of publishing (Authors, Editors, Reviewers and the Publisher) it is substantial to agree upon a set standards of ethical behavior.

The ethics statement for Annals of Warsaw University of Life Sciences - SGGW, Animal Science, is based on the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) Best Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors.

### **Duties of Editors**

#### Confidentiality

The mandatory requirement of the Editor-in-Chief and any editorial staff must be to not disclose any information about submitted manuscripts to anyone other than the corresponding Author, Reviewers and the Publisher (if necessary).

#### Acceptance decisions

The Editor-in-Chief is solely responsible for deciding which of the submitted manuscripts shall be published. The Editor-in-Chief may be guided by the advice of the Editorial Board and constrained by legal requirements in force, regarding copyright infringements and plagiarism. The Editor-in-Chief may optionally confer with other editors in individual decision process.

### **Duties of Reviewers**

#### Confidentiality

Any manuscripts received need to be regarded strictly confidential. They must not be shared or discussed with other parties.

#### Standards of objectivity

Reviews need to be conducted objectively. Personal criticism is unacceptable. Referees are obliged to express their opinion clearly, with appropriate supporting arguments.

#### Disclosure and conflict of interest

Privileged information or ideas obtained through peer review must be held confidential and not used for personal advantage. Reviewers should not consider evaluating manuscripts in the case of conflict of interest, resulting from competitive, collaborative, or other relationships or connections with any of the Authors, companies, or institutions connected to the submission.

### **Duties of Authors**

#### Reporting standards

Authors reporting data from original research should present an accurate depiction of the work performed, as well as an objective discussion. Underlying data must be represented accurately in the text. A manuscript should contain sufficient level of detail and appropriate references. Fraudulent or intentionally inaccurate statements or paragraphs constitute unethical behavior and are unacceptable.

#### Originality and plagiarism

The Authors should ensure that they submit entirely original work, and all the sources used have been appropriately cited or acknowledged.

#### Multiple, redundant or concurrent publication

An Author should not in general publish manuscripts describing essentially the same research in more than one journal. Concurrent submission of the same work to more than one title constitutes unethical publishing behavior and therefore is unacceptable.

#### Authorship of a manuscript

Authorship should be restricted to those who gave a significant contribution to the conception, design, execution, or interpretation of the study. Other parties who participated in certain aspects of the project, should be listed in detail in Acknowledgements. The corresponding Author should ensure that no inappropriate co-authors were included in the Authors list, and that all eligible co-Authors have approved the final version to be submitted for evaluation.

#### Disclosure and conflicts of interest

All Authors should disclose any financial or other conflict of interest that might influence the results and/or the data interpretation given in the manuscript. All sources of financial support for the project have to be disclosed.

#### Fundamental errors in published works

If a significant error or inaccuracy in their published work is discovered, the Author's obligation is to immediately notify the Editor's office or the Publisher to either retract the paper or publish an appropriate erratum.