

WMHE'S PUBLICATION ETHICS AND PUBLICATION MALPRACTICE STATEMENT

WMHE's Publication Ethics and Publication Malpractice Statement is based, in large part, on the guidelines and standards developed by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).

We expect authors, reviewers and editors commit to these publication ethics in order to ensure high quality of published contributions in WMHE conference proceedings. The relevant duties and expectations of all parties are set out below:

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- Authors certify that their manuscripts are their own original work.
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- Authors certify that all sources of financial support for the research are disclosed in the manuscript.
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- Authors are responsible for the reliability of information which the published manuscript contains.
- Authors must report any errors they discover in their manuscript.
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- Reviewers perform their work for the conference on a volunteer basis.
- Reviewers are free to decline invitations to review particular manuscripts at their discretion.
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- Reviewers must evaluate manuscripts only for their intellectual content.
- Reviewers must keep privileged information or ideas belonging to the manuscript confidential.
- Reviewers must at any time evaluate manuscripts as objectively as possible.
- Reviewers must explain and justify all recommendations made.
- Reviewers must bring to the attention of editors any information that may be reason to reject publication of a manuscript.

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- The WMHE SC&Ed. has ultimate responsibility for making publication decisions for submitted manuscripts.
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- The WMHE SC&Ed. will not disclose any information about a manuscript under consideration to anyone other than the author(s), reviewers and potential reviewers.

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- The WMHE SC&Ed. must disclose any conflicts of interest.

References:

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