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– Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement –

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The JIPITEC editor responsible for the issue recommends to the board of directors which of the papers submitted to the journal will be published. Any publication decision will be taken by the board of editors. The decision will be based on the subject's importance, topicality and originality and on the paper's clarity, the underlying research including its richness of sources and its relevance to the journal's scope. The editors will take into account the reviewers overall assessment of the subject and the paper and, if applicable, the revision of the paper by the author in light of the reviewer's comments.

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Confidentiality

The editors and their staff will not disclose any information about a submitted paper or reviewers' comments to anyone other than the paper's authors or reviewers. Unpublished materials disclosed in a submitted paper will not be used by the editors for their own research purposes without the author's explicit consent.

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The reports of the peer reviewer support the editors in making editorial decisions. The board of editors is not bound to the reviewer's assessment of the submitted paper. The review should help the author to improve his/her paper.

Expeditious review

The responsible editor for the issue contacts experts in the field of research of the submitted paper and solicits their review of the paper within a period not exceeding three weeks. Reviewers agree to respond immediately if they are not qualified for the review or cannot deliver a review within the suggested period.

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Reviews should be conducted objectively. Personal criticism of the author is inappropriate. Reviewers should express their views clearly with supporting arguments. Reviewers should submit, where appropriate, concrete suggestions how to improve the paper.

Conflict of interest

Reviewers should not assess papers in which they have conflicts of interest resulting from competitive, collaborative, or other relationships or connections with any of the authors of the papers.

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Originality, plagiarism and acknowledgement of sources

Authors will submit only entirely original works, and will appropriately cite or quote the works of other authors and also reference quotes from cited cases and other materials.

Multiple, redundant or concurrent publication

In general, papers describing essentially the same research should not be published in more than one journal. Submitting the same paper to more than one journal constitutes unethical publishing behavior and is unacceptable.

Authorship of the paper

Authorship should be limited to those who have made a significant contribution to the conception, design, execution, or interpretation of the reported study. All those who have made significant contributions should be listed as co-authors.

The corresponding author ensures that all contributing co-authors and no uninvolved persons are included in the author list. The corresponding author will also verify that all co-authors have approved the final version of the paper and have agreed to its submission for publication.

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References

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