

Predatory Publishers and Conferences.

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OVERVIEW

- What are predatory publishers and why are they a problem?
- Predatory publishers and your reputation
- How to spot predatory publishers and what resources are available?
- Predatory (Vanity) Conferences

WHAT ARE PREDATORY PUBLISHERS?

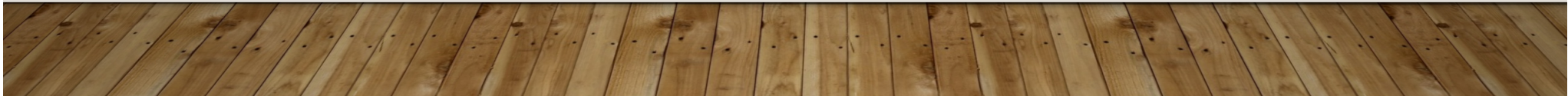
- In academic publishing, predatory open-access publishing is an exploitative open-access publishing business model that involves charging publication fees to authors without providing the editorial and publishing services associated with legitimate journals (open access or not).

[Predatory open access publishing - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Predatory_open_access_publishing)

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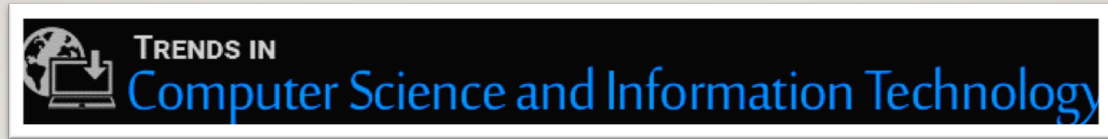
WHY ARE THEY A PROBLEM?

- Characteristics/Complaints that are associated with predatory open-access publishing include:
 - Accepting articles quickly with little or no peer review or quality control, including hoax and nonsensical papers.
 - Notifying academics of article fees only after papers are accepted.
 - Aggressively campaigning for academics to submit articles or serve on editorial boards.
 - Listing academics as members of editorial boards without their permission, and not allowing academics to resign from editorial boards
 - Appointing fake academics to editorial boards.
 - Mimicking the name or web site style of more established journals.
 - Making misleading claims about the publishing operation, such as a false location.
 - Citing fake or non-existent impact factors.



PREDATORY PUBLISHERS AND YOUR REPUTATION

- Damage reputation
 - your work published with bad
 - can't publish it elsewhere
- Loss of intellectual property



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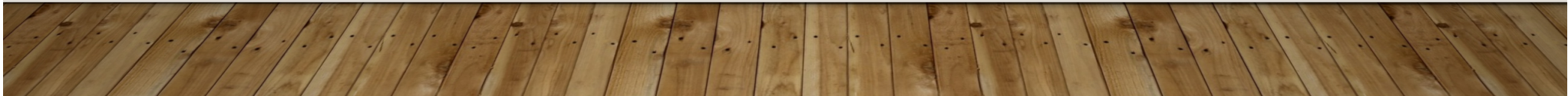
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WHAT IS A PREDATORY CONFERENCE?

1. Low quality “academic” meetings organized by for-profit companies not scholarly societies
 2. Lack of peer review allow virtually anyone to purchase a speaking slot
 3. Employ some type of deceit: fake peer review, hide HQ location, hide true ownership
- Aren’t necessarily breaking the law
 - Predatory conferences outnumber legit meetings

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- Not all are small, poorly organized by fly-by-night groups
 - Need to make profit – [moderately] well organized
 - Make profit from scientific budgets and blind ambition of scientists
 - Conference fees and publication costs
 - Low quality research along side work by famous academics
 - Multiple disciplines in same room – are they really interested in your work?

ORGANIZERS

- Start small....into major predators (up to 500+ presenters)
- Growing in sophistication
 - Keynotes by paid Nobel Prize winners
 - OMICS – buy legit journals....(\$50M)
 - Make travel arrangements
- Conference alert websites devoted to predatory events
(<https://conferencealert.com/>)



IDENTIFYING PREDATORY ORGANIZERS

- Broad-scope and/or combined events
- Presenters pay more
- Fake or misleading office address
 - PO Box or virtual office; no address on website
- Same event in multiple countries
- Sell virtual presentations
- Heavy promotion through social media



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- <http://wrfase.org/Conference2020/2/Maldives/ICCSMLBD/>

CERTIFICATES

- **Certificate**

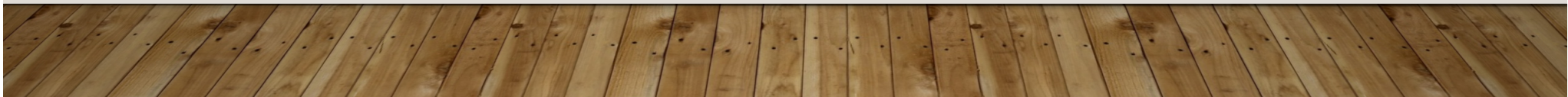
**[Certificate of Presentation or Certificate of Attendance]*

A certificate of attendance includes participant's name and affiliation, certifying the participation in the conference. A **certificate of presentation indicates a presenter's name, affiliation and the paper title that is presented** in the scheduled session.

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- Oral presenters will receive a certificate of presentation from the session chair after their presentations or at the end of the session. Poster presenters will receive a certificate of presentation from the conference staff at the end of their poster session.
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PAYMENT:

- Each participant needs to pay the registration fee. One author with one accepted submission will have to pay US\$400(early bird)/ US\$430(regular)/US\$460(Late) [International Author]. The co-author of the same paper shall make the payment US\$400(early bird)/ US\$430(regular)/US\$460(Late) [International Author] individually if he/she will present the paper together in the conference. If one author has more than one accepted paper to present, he/she will have to make the payment US\$400(early bird)/ US\$430(regular)/US\$460(Late) [International Author] for each submission.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

- Waste ethical researchers time and money
- Enable promotion of junk science
- Enable unethical researchers' to purchase presentations and publications for hiring and promotion
- Enable unethical researchers' to take trips nearly anywhere, anytime
- Intellectual property

DR DREIER'S METHOD

[HTTP://TIDSSKRIFTET.NO/EN/2017/11/FRA-REDAKTOREN/DR-DREIERS-METHOD](http://tidsskriftet.no/en/2017/11/fra-redaktoren/dr-dreiers-method)



Predatory conferences have become an increasing problem in academic life. Now, this phenomenon has arrived in Norway.

On 3 and 4 March 2018 I will attend an international congress in Oslo. This is not just any congress, it is the *2018 IIER 362nd International Conference on Recent Advances in Medical Science (ICRAMS)* (1). Moreover, I will not only attend, I will hold one of the keynote speeches. It will describe my most recent research:

Spontaneous Transformation in Ursus Maritimus. A Case Series

“...a series of 25 polar bears that spontaneously transformed themselves into people.”

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- Sadly, predatory conferences have become ‘a cottage industry in scientific communication’. Between predatory journals and predatory conferences, academics are now being spammed on a daily basis, by greedy groups that neither understand science, nor care about advancing science. We fear this alarming rise of predatory journals and conferences will not only undermine science, but scam academics, particularly junior researchers who can least afford it.

<https://naturemicrobiologycommunity.nature.com/users/20892-madhukar-pai/posts/12706-predatory-conferences-undermine-science-and-scam-academics>

Research Integrity and Scientific Misconduct

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