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Ethical, Indexing Compliance, and Malpractice Handling Commitment

The Conference Editorial Committee and Organizing Committee are fully committed to upholding the highest standards of publication ethics, academic integrity, and editorial transparency, in alignment with the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) guidelines and the quality requirements of Taylor & Francis, Scopus, and Web of Science (WoS).

Ethical and Indexing Compliance Commitment

The Editorial Committee will ensure that:

- Full adherence to COPE ethical standards is maintained throughout the submission, review, and publication process.
- Conflicts of interest will be transparently disclosed and appropriately managed for authors, reviewers, and editors.
- There will be zero tolerance for academic misconduct, including plagiarism, data manipulation, unethical use of AI, and authorship malpractice.
- No manuscript will be accepted without successful completion of peer review and editorial approval.
- The proceedings will comply with Scopus quality criteria, ensuring scholarly rigor, citation integrity, and editorial consistency.
- The proceedings will meet Web of Science (WoS) standards for editorial quality, peer-review integrity, and research transparency.
- Editorial decisions will be made independently, based solely on academic merit, and will not be influenced by registration fees, sponsorships, or institutional affiliations.
- All conflicts of interest will be disclosed prior to final decision-making.
- Ethics committee approval will be required for studies involving human participants, animals, or sensitive data, where applicable.
- Authors and reviewers may appeal editorial decisions, following a defined appeals mechanism.
- Complaints and appeals will be reviewed by an independent senior editor or designated ethics panel.
- All decisions related to complaints or appeals will be documented and considered final after due process.
- Corrections, errata, or retractions will be issued if ethical breaches are identified post-publication.
- All post-publication actions will align with COPE Retraction and Correction Guidelines.
- Authors will be responsible for the accuracy and integrity of data, results, and conclusions presented.
- Editors may request access to raw data, simulations, codes, or supporting materials if concerns arise regarding validity or integrity.

Malpractice Handling and Corrective Actions

The conference organizing committee and editors are fully committed to safeguarding the integrity of the scholarly record and will actively address any allegations of publication malpractice.

Investigation of Allegations

Any allegation of misconduct including but not limited to plagiarism, data fabrication or falsification, duplicate submission, unethical AI usage, authorship disputes, or undisclosed conflicts of interest will be formally investigated by the Conference Editorial Committee. All investigations will be conducted confidentially, objectively, and fairly, ensuring due process for all parties involved.

Ethical Framework

The handling of suspected misconduct will strictly follow COPE flowcharts and best-practice recommendations, ensuring consistency, transparency, and ethical rigor in editorial decision-making.

Corrective Actions

Depending on the nature and severity of the ethical breach, one or more of the following actions may be implemented:

- Rejection of the manuscript at any stage of the review or editorial process
- Withdrawal of the manuscript prior to publication
- Retraction or publication of corrections/errata if misconduct is identified post-publication
- Notification of the authors' affiliated institutions or funding bodies in cases of serious or repeated ethical violations

Post-Decision Integrity

All decisions related to ethical misconduct will be formally documented, and corrective measures will be implemented promptly to preserve the integrity, credibility, and transparency of the published proceedings. The Editorial Committee reserves the right to take additional actions as deemed necessary, in accordance with COPE ethical standards, publisher policies, and indexing requirements.

Commitment to Scholarly Excellence

Organizers and editors are committed to the highest standards of academic integrity, transparency, and publication ethics, ensuring the proceedings represent credible, high-quality scientific contributions.