

Awareness Communication: Predatory Journals/Conferences

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To: All KFUPM Faculty, Researchers, and Students

cc: KFUPM President, Vice President for Research and Innovation, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Deans, Department Chairmen, Center Directors

Deanship of Research would like to share awareness regarding Predatory Journals/Conferences.

PREDATORY JOURNALS/CONFERENCES

Predatory publishing is defined as for-profit open access journal publication of scholarly articles without robust peer-review of experts, and in a short period of time. Publishing in predatory or hijacked journals will negatively impact the integrity of academic publishing. Deanship of Research advises all faculty and researchers to be extra cautious in selecting the journal to which they submit their scholarly work. You may find in the link a list of hijacked journals and possible predatory journals ([click here](#)).

We also urge our faculty and researchers to refrain from applying to conferences that do not maintain an acceptable level of quality, and avoid conferences organized by non-professional organizations, which are mostly commercial and have minimal scientific value. Conference Office will not process conferences organized by or affiliated with **IACSIT** or **CBEES** or **ASET**, in addition to **WASET** which has been blacklisted by the Ministry of Education (MoE). A list of possibly predatory publishers can be found in the link ([click here](#)).

The University very much appreciates the efforts and research contributions and anticipates cooperation on the subject from all concerned. Thank you.

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