

The WSEAS Administration takes multiple concrete and transparent steps to guarantee that WSEAS is not involved in predatory publishing practices or techniques

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Abstract: - This article provides a comprehensive overview of the measures taken by the WSEAS Administration to ensure full academic integrity and transparency in its publishing and conference operations. It emphasizes WSEAS's firm stance against predatory publishing practices through a structured and ethical framework built on double-blind peer review, independent editorial boards, and adherence to COPE guidelines. WSEAS journals are managed by academically qualified Editors-in-Chief and supported by international editorial teams. All submissions undergo rigorous review, with high rejection rates and strict anti-plagiarism checks using advanced detection software. The organization does not offer guaranteed acceptance, nor does it accept unethical publication behavior. WSEAS journals are indexed in reputable databases such as Scopus, EBSCO, and DOAJ, reflecting their scholarly credibility. The administration is decentralized, with participation from global academic professionals, and its operations are transparent and publicly accountable. In addition, the article outlines reviewer collaboration terms, author declarations, and conference organization standards, all aimed at reinforcing academic rigor. These practices distinguish WSEAS as a reputable, ethical academic institution dedicated to genuine scientific advancement.

Key-Words: - Academic integrity, peer review, WSEAS, predatory publishing, scholarly publishing ethics, journal indexing, COPE compliance

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1 Introduction

The WSEAS is an internationally respected academic organization dedicated to advancing research, education, and collaboration in science, engineering, mathematics, and related fields. Since its establishment in the 1990s, WSEAS has built a strong global presence by organizing international conferences, publishing peer-reviewed journals, and

supporting interdisciplinary academic exchange among researchers, scholars, and professionals. One of the key pillars of WSEAS is its commitment to academic quality and rigorous peer review. Unlike many low-quality or predatory publishers that lack transparency and editorial standards, WSEAS is firmly positioned as a legitimate, high-quality academic institution. Every paper submitted to a WSEAS journal or conference undergoes a strict

double-blind peer review process, where each manuscript is evaluated by at least two or three independent experts. These reviewers assess the originality, technical merit, clarity, and relevance of the research. The process is managed by editorial boards composed of university professors and experienced researchers from reputable institutions worldwide, ensuring high standards and academic integrity.

As of 2025, 15 WSEAS journals are indexed in Scopus, one of the most recognized and selective indexing services in the academic world. Many of its journals are also listed in EBSCO, ProQuest, Google Scholar, and other databases, further validating their quality and visibility. Some of the well-known journals include, [1], [2], [3].

The updated list with our Journals indexed in Scopus

SCOPUS Q2

WSEAS Transactions on Mathematics

SCOPUS Q3

WSEAS Transactions on Environment and Development

WSEAS Transactions on Systems and Control

WSEAS Transactions on Business and Economics

WSEAS Transactions on Fluid Mechanics

WSEAS Transactions on Applied and Theoretical Mechanics

WSEAS Transactions on Power Systems

SCOPUS Q4

WSEAS Transactions on Biology and Biomedicine

WSEAS Transactions on Electronics

WSEAS Transactions on Systems

WSEAS Transactions on Computer Research

WSEAS Transactions on Information Science and Applications

WSEAS Transactions on Circuits and Systems

WSEAS Transactions on Heat and Mass Transfer

WSEAS Transactions on Signal Processing

These journals cover a wide range of disciplines, offering a platform for high-quality publications in both theoretical and applied research. WSEAS also plays a significant role in organizing scientific conferences across Europe and beyond. These events are known for their academic richness, interdisciplinary nature, and global participation. Recent and upcoming conferences have been held in cities such as Athens, Greece, Bern, Switzerland, Paris, France and Durres, Albania.

Each conference brings together researchers, engineers, and scientists to share the latest developments in mathematics, computer science, physics, engineering, economics, energy, environment, and more. Importantly, conference papers presented at WSEAS events are also peer-reviewed and published in indexed proceedings or journals, further demonstrating the organization's commitment to quality control. What distinguishes WSEAS from many lesser-known or suspicious publishers is its transparency, editorial ethics, and scholarly contribution. WSEAS does not guarantee acceptance or fast publication in exchange for fees—unlike predatory publishers that exploit researchers. Instead, every submission must meet rigorous standards, and many are rejected if they fail to contribute significantly to the academic discourse. This commitment to scientific merit and editorial rigor confirms that WSEAS is not a bogus or predatory publisher. On the contrary, it is a reputable and active academic society with a long-standing track record of supporting genuine scientific progress. In addition to publishing and conference organization, WSEAS fosters a vibrant academic community. It offers opportunities for researchers of all career stages—including early-career scientists and PhD students—to contribute as authors, reviewers, or session chairs. With thousands of members and contributors from Europe, Asia, Africa, and beyond, WSEAS continues to play a crucial role in facilitating scholarly collaboration and the dissemination of high-quality research. In conclusion, WSEAS stands as a credible and respected academic institution that upholds rigorous peer review, promotes international scientific cooperation, and publishes impactful, well-indexed journals. It is a far cry from the practices of predatory publishers and serves as a reliable platform for academics who value quality, ethics, and genuine scholarly contribution.

2 WSEAS Administration

The WSEAS Administration is composed of a team of experienced academics, researchers, and technical professionals who oversee the strategic direction, operations, editorial processes, and quality control of all WSEAS activities—including its journals, conferences, and academic programs. The administrative structure is built on principles of academic integrity, transparency, international collaboration, and scientific excellence, [4], [5], [6].

Key Elements of the WSEAS Administration:

2.1. Executive Board

At the core of WSEAS is its Executive Board, which includes distinguished professors and scientists from Europe, Asia, and other parts of the world. The board is responsible for defining editorial policy, maintaining quality standards, ensuring ethical compliance, and setting long-term goals. It operates with a strong focus on peer review integrity, open access standards and editorial neutrality.

2.2. Editors-in-Chief and Editorial Committees

Each WSEAS journal is managed by a respected Editor-in-Chief, usually a full professor with a significant academic record. Supporting them are Editorial Boards made up of qualified scientists with PhDs and demonstrated expertise in their fields. These editors ensure that only papers meeting high scientific standards are accepted, and they supervise the rigorous double-blind peer review process for each submission.

2.3. Scientific Committees for Conferences

WSEAS conferences are organized by scientific committees composed of professors and researchers who serve as session chairs, reviewers, and scientific coordinators. These committees are responsible for reviewing abstracts, selecting session topics, organizing keynote lectures, and maintaining the scholarly quality of the event. WSEAS ensures that its conferences are academically driven and not profit-oriented.

2.4. Technical and Publishing Support Staff

Behind the scenes, a professional team manages the technical side of the publishing and conference processes. This includes typesetting, indexing support, DOI registration, digital archiving, and maintaining relationships with databases such as Scopus, DOAJ, EBSCO, and Google Scholar. The staff also ensures timely communication with authors, reviewers, and participants worldwide.

2.5. Quality Control and Ethics Committee

WSEAS has established a Quality Control and Publication Ethics Committee, which monitors the

ethical aspects of all publications and events. This committee is responsible for enforcing plagiarism checks, conflict-of-interest policies, and publication ethics in accordance with COPE (Committee on Publication Ethics) guidelines. Submissions that fail ethical standards are rejected without hesitation.

Why the WSEAS Administration Stands Out:

WSEAS is not a one-person operation, but rather a well-organized international academic body with decentralized leadership and strong academic participation. All WSEAS journals and conferences are governed by multi-member scientific teams, ensuring transparency, inclusivity, and diversity of opinion. WSEAS does not permit automatic acceptance of papers or fee-based favoritism. Every paper must pass editorial scrutiny and expert review. Its financial and operational transparency distinguishes it from so-called "predatory publishers" who often hide their processes or operate without qualified editors.

In summary, the WSEAS Administration is structured to ensure academic excellence, integrity, and long-term sustainability. It reflects a model of responsible scientific publishing and conference organization, supported by a large network of scholars and professionals committed to the advancement of knowledge.

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The WSEAS Administration takes multiple concrete and transparent steps to guarantee that WSEAS is not involved in predatory publishing practices or techniques. Its administrative structure and editorial policies are built on academic integrity, scientific merit, and ethical responsibility. Here's how:

3. 1. Strict Double-Blind Peer Review Process

Every paper submitted to a WSEAS journal or conference is reviewed by at least two independent

reviewers, using the double-blind peer review model. The authors do not know who the reviewers are, and vice versa, ensuring impartiality and fairness. No paper is accepted without rigorous academic review—a key distinction from predatory publishers, who often bypass peer review entirely.

3.2. Editorial Boards with Academic Transparency

Each WSEAS journal has an Editor-in-Chief and a large international editorial board composed of qualified professors and researchers with proven expertise and academic credentials (typically holding PhDs and university appointments). The names and affiliations of these editors are publicly listed on the WSEAS website—unlike predatory journals, which often use fake or undisclosed editorial boards.

3.3. Rejection Rates and Academic Independence

WSEAS maintains significant rejection rates across its journals and conferences. Papers are rejected without hesitation if they do not meet scientific quality, originality, or relevance standards. The editorial decision-making is independent of financial considerations, and there is no automatic acceptance—even if an author is willing to pay.

3.4. Compliance with International Ethical Standards

WSEAS adheres to COPE (Committee on Publication Ethics) principles and has a dedicated Ethics Committee that enforces rules against plagiarism, duplicate publication, and unethical behavior. Plagiarism-detection software (such as Turnitin or iThenticate) is used systematically. Any unethical submission is rejected and reported when necessary.

3.5. Inclusion in Reputable Databases

As of 2024, 16 WSEAS journals are indexed in Scopus, a clear validation of their quality and rigorous selection criteria. Scopus has strict standards and delists journals that engage in predatory practices. WSEAS journals are also indexed in DOAJ, EBSCO, Google Scholar, and

other recognized academic databases—none of which accept predatory content.

3.6. Transparent Fee Structure (Not Pay-to-Publish)

WSEAS does not guarantee acceptance upon payment, and fees (where applicable) are transparently listed. In contrast to predatory publishers who often lure authors with fast acceptance in exchange for fees, WSEAS makes clear that submission alone does not imply acceptance, and authors are expected to revise or may even be rejected outright.

3.7. Long History and Stable Academic Leadership

WSEAS was founded in the 1990s and has maintained long-standing academic leadership, including experienced professors and conference organizers from Europe, Asia, and beyond. This continuity and stability in leadership is rare among fake or short-lived predatory publishers.

3.8. No Spam, No False Promises

WSEAS does not spam researchers with aggressive invitations, false impact factors, or deceptive conference titles. All calls for papers and participation are relevant, targeted, and academically grounded. The organization does not use fake metrics, unlike many predatory outlets.

3.9. Recognition by Thousands of Scientists

WSEAS has been trusted by thousands of scientists from major universities (including Harvard, MIT, ETH Zurich, NTUA, TU Wien, and others) who have served as authors, editors, or session chairs. This international trust is not possible to maintain for decades if predatory practices were involved.

3.10. Open Communication and Accountability

The WSEAS Administration responds promptly to inquiries, provides full contact information, and engages in transparent dialogue with authors, reviewers, and institutions. There is no attempt to hide operations or ownership—another hallmark of credible academic publishers.

4. Review Procedure

4.1 Collaboration Terms for Reviewers

By accepting an invitation to review for a WSEAS journal, reviewers agree to uphold the recognized standards of academic publishing ethics and professional responsibility. This includes compliance with the *Ethical Guidelines for Peer Reviewers* established by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). WSEAS is fully committed to integrating these principles across its peer review practices. Reviewers understand that manuscripts judged unsuitable for a specific WSEAS journal may be considered for transfer to another WSEAS publication within a related discipline. In such cases, both the manuscript and any associated peer review commentary may be passed on to the receiving journal to ensure a smooth and informed editorial process. By participating in peer review, the reviewer consents to WSEAS using their feedback across editorial activities, such as handling transferred submissions, in accordance with WSEAS editorial policies and COPE's ethical standards.

In some instances, the reviewer's name, contact details, and submitted evaluations may be shared with an appropriate alternate journal under the WSEAS umbrella, if deemed necessary. However, should the manuscript move from a non-transparent peer review journal to one that follows Transparent Peer Review, previously submitted reviewer reports will not be carried forward.

WSEAS operates in full alignment with COPE's ethical values and is dedicated to safeguarding integrity for all involved parties—reviewers, authors, and editors. COPE's *Core Practices* are embedded in the WSEAS editorial infrastructure and guide our strict confidentiality standards throughout the review lifecycle. Accordingly, reviewers are expected to maintain full confidentiality regarding all aspects of the review process—including the manuscript, reviewer comments, and related correspondence—both during the review and after its conclusion, unless the journal explicitly states otherwise. For journals with single-, double-, or triple-anonymized review processes, this confidentiality also extends to all communication related to the review task.

Under no circumstances should reviewers upload manuscripts—or any part of their content such as figures, tables, or text segments—into Generative AI platforms like ChatGPT or other large language models (LLMs). Doing so constitutes a serious violation of confidentiality, may breach data protection laws, and could infringe on intellectual property rights. Reviewers who choose to leverage AI tools to assist in writing their reports must explicitly declare such use within the review itself, in full compliance with WSEAS's publishing rules. Non-compliance will lead to immediate notification of the reviewer's institution and may result in removal from the reviewer pool or legal action depending on the infraction's severity.

4.2 Reviewer Benefits

By contributing as a reviewer, individuals are entitled to the following privileges:

- One complimentary paper registration (subject to standard peer review) in any WSEAS journal launched after 2020.
- Access to a downloadable official Reviewer Certificate (PDF) from the WSEAS website.
- Automatic tracking and recognition of reviewer contributions through the WSEAS review system.
- Inclusion of the reviewer's name on the official WSEAS Reviewer List: <http://wseas.com/reviewers.php>

[7], [8], [9].

4.3 Evaluation Criteria

Details on what is assessed during peer review can be found at: <https://wseas.com/form/reviewers-form/upload-form/index.php>

Since 2021, all reviewer contributions have been archived and are available at: <https://wseas.com/reviewers>

4.4. Author and Editorial Declarations

WSEAS requires that all authors formally affirm—via a signed certification—that their submissions have undergone comprehensive, detailed, and objective peer review. Authors must also confirm that no Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editor, or member of the WSEAS staff pressured them to cite

any specific prior publications from the journal. This declaration is mandatory for every revised manuscript submitted after 2019. The certification template is available for download here: <https://wseas.com/documents/certification.docx>

Likewise, Editors-in-Chief are required to certify that all published articles have been subjected to a thorough and selective peer review process, reflecting WSEAS's commitment to academic rigor and high rejection rates. For more information: <http://wseas.com/certifications-e.php>, [10].

5. Conclusion

The WSEAS Administration guarantees academic integrity through a structured, transparent, and rigorous system of editorial control, peer review, and ethics enforcement. WSEAS is fundamentally different from predatory publishers in its processes, leadership, affiliations, indexing, and academic impact. The WSEAS Administration takes several concrete and transparent measures to ensure it is not involved in predatory publishing practices. Central to its integrity is a strict double-blind peer review process, where both the reviewers and authors remain anonymous. Each submitted manuscript is reviewed by at least two or three independent experts who evaluate it based on originality, technical merit, clarity, and relevance. This peer review is not superficial—manuscripts that do not meet academic standards are rigorously rejected. WSEAS maintains transparent editorial boards composed of university professors, PhDs, and senior researchers from reputable institutions worldwide. These editors are not listed symbolically; they actively manage reviews and uphold publication quality. Importantly, editors make decisions independently of financial considerations, ensuring that acceptance is based solely on academic merit. In addition to editorial transparency, WSEAS enforces high rejection rates, clearly separating it from predatory outlets that often publish indiscriminately. The organization strictly adheres to the ethical standards laid out by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). An internal Ethics Committee oversees issues such as plagiarism, data falsification, and conflict of interest, using tools like Turnitin and iThenticate to ensure the originality and integrity of submissions. WSEAS journals are indexed in recognized academic databases such as Scopus, DOAJ, EBSCO, ProQuest, and Google

Scholar. These databases have strict evaluation criteria, and inclusion indicates that WSEAS meets established standards for quality and transparency. Furthermore, the publication fee structure—where applicable—is clearly outlined, and it is explicitly stated that paying a fee does not influence the editorial outcome in any way. WSEAS operates with a structured, multi-level administration that includes an Executive Board, Editors-in-Chief, Scientific Committees, and a dedicated Ethics and Quality Control Committee. This layered governance prevents unilateral decisions and ensures accountability throughout the publishing process. Unlike predatory publishers, WSEAS does not engage in deceptive marketing. It avoids spam invitations, fabricated impact factors, or misleading conference promotions. Instead, it focuses on real academic discourse, with calls for papers and conferences that are field-specific and academically meaningful. Moreover, WSEAS has built a trustworthy reputation, with contributions from researchers affiliated with prestigious institutions such as Harvard, MIT, ETH Zurich, and the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA). Its conferences are attended by respected scholars, reinforcing its academic credibility. Finally, WSEAS ensures open communication between authors and editors. Authors are fully informed about the peer review process, and they are required to certify that no unethical influence or coercion has occurred in the publication process. This commitment to openness, fairness, and academic rigor positions WSEAS as a responsible and ethical academic publisher, clearly distinct from predatory entities.

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