Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement and Responsibilities of Authors, Editors and Reviewers of the Ageing Conference Proceedings

Ageing – the Gerontological Interdisciplinary Conference organizers invite active participants of each biennial conference to submit their original manuscripts in the review process for the conference proceedings.

The conference Scientific Board and the appointed proceedings Editor(s) follow publication ethics and malpractice prevention principles and uphold the standards of ethical behavior and best practices with reference to core practices developed by <u>Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)</u>.

No fees are charged for the manuscript submission, processing, and publication. However, only active participants of the conference who presented their work orally or as a poster there are eligible to submit their manuscripts related to the presented material in the conference proceedings.

The conference proceedings are published under the Creative Commons CC-BY license.

Responsibilities of Authors

- the manuscript submitted for publication must be original;
- if previously published material is used in the work, it must be cited appropriately;
- the manuscript has not been published elsewhere;
- all sources used in the preparation of the manuscript are cited in accordance with the proceeding's guidelines;
- guidelines for authors can be found on the conference website, and always include the requirement to provide a title, abstract and key words both in Czech (or Slovak) and English;
- to notify the editors in case of any conflicts of interest.

Responsibilities of the Editor

- a fair double-blind confidential peer-review process for every manuscript submitted for publication in the proceedings including invitation to competent experts to review the manuscripts;
- the decision about each submitted manuscript publication;
- the ISBN and ISSN registrations of the proceedings
- the submission for indexing in Web of Science Conference Proceedings Citation Index and in Scopus.

Responsibilities of the Reviewers

- maintaining confidentiality of all information concerning the manuscripts submitted for publication;
- to notify the Editor in case of any conflicts of interest, any copyright infringement or plagiarism on the part of the author;
- the objective, clear, and professional evaluation of the reviewed manuscript.

Identification, investigation and outcomes of unethical behavior

- anyone can (and is encouraged to) report to the Editors any suspicion of unethical behavior at any time during or after the publication process of the proceedings
- if the final conclusion reached by the Editor is that the ethical misconduct took place then the the Editor will inform the authors about the conclusion reached and measures taken.