

# Publication Ethics and Publication Malpractice Statement

Cybernetics and Physics Editorial Board behaves in accordance with the codes of conduct and international standards established by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) and available on its website (<http://publicationethics.org/>). Relevant documents include: *Code of Conduct and Best Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors* and *Code of Conduct for Journal Publishers*.

## **Editors...**

are accountable and should take responsibility for everything they publish;

should make fair and unbiased decisions independent of commercial considerations, and should ensure a fair and appropriate peer review process;

should adopt editorial policies that encourage maximum transparency and complete, honest reporting;

should guard the integrity of the published record by issuing corrections and retractions when needed and pursuing suspected or alleged research and publication misconduct;

should pursue reviewer and editorial misconduct;

should make it clear to peer reviewers and authors what is expected of them; and

should have appropriate policies in place for handling editorial conflicts of interest.

## **Authors ...**

should submit papers only on work that has been conducted in an ethical and responsible manner and that complies with all relevant legislation;

should present their results clearly, honestly, and without fabrication, falsification or inappropriate data manipulation;

should endeavour to describe their methods clearly and unambiguously so that their findings can be confirmed by others;

should adhere to publication requirements that submitted work is original, is not plagiarized, and has been neither published, nor submitted for publication elsewhere;

should take collective responsibility for submitted and published work;

should ensure that the authorship (as represented in the byline for the paper) accurately reflects individuals' contributions to the work and its reporting; and

should disclose relevant funding sources and any existing or potential conflicts of interest.