Publication Ethics; List of Reviewers; Instructions for Authors

1. Publication Ethics

The Journal of Information and Organizational Sciences (JIOS) upholds the highest standards of publication ethics and takes all possible measures against any publication malpractices.

1.1. Duties of the Editor

The editor is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the academic record, for having processes in place to assure the quality of the published material as well as for precluding business needs from compromising intellectual and ethical standards.

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3. Instructions for Authors

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Instructions for Formatting JIOS Articles

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Abstract

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References

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