Journal Editors Panel: How to Avoid Predatory Journals, Fake and Questionable Conferences to Protect your Scholarship and Reputation

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Abstract: There has been a growing concern in academia about the rise of predatory journals, fake conferences and questionable conferences. New knowledge dissemination through publication is our job responsibility and it is an important indicator for measuring our productivity and impact. Those predatory publishers are using our hidden desire for easy and quick publications to make their money. Those companies are seriously hurting our eco-system and they are getting smarter and smarter to make their journals and conferences look legitimate. Young and ambitious researchers are easy targets and they tend to fall victims. Since the business model of these companies is perfectly legal, this problem resides in the ethical domain which is squishy and difficult to handle. The recent trend of quantity driven performance evaluation in academia has exacerbated this problem. However, there are serious consequences once your name appears in those publications. Your reputation as a scholar will be tainted and the scholarship that you have built for years will be seriously questioned. This panel discussion is to bring this important growing problem in academia to our community and openly discuss how to avoid predatory publishers to protect your scholarship and professional reputation. Also, general ethical standards in research will be discussed with the audience by highly respected scholars in our field.