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JOURNAL

IPRI Journal Editorial and Peer Review Process

Editorial Review

- o The article is processed through the Turnitin Similarity software for initial review to avoid the risk of plagiarism. The journal has a strict zero tolerance policy for plagiarism.
- o The format is checked according to the prescribed IPRI Journal Author Guidelines.
- o The content is checked to ensure it falls within the aims and scope of journal and is original and unpublished.
- o Manuscripts rejected at this Desk Review stage are insufficiently original, have serious content, analysis or methodology flaws, have poor grammar or syntax, or are outside the aims and scope of the journal. Manuscripts that meet the journal's publication criteria are sent to 3 experts for peer review.

Peer Review Process

- o Manuscripts undergo three double-blind reviews by one national and two international subject experts where the referees and author/s remain anonymous throughout the process.
- o Referees are matched to the manuscript according to their expertise. The journal's database is constantly being updated.
- o During this stage, a manuscript may not be approved for publication by the referee/s. However, if found suitable for inclusion, reviewer/s may recommend either major or minor changes in the manuscript.
- o The revision process might comprise multiple rounds.
- o Peer review timelines vary depending on reviewer availability, expertise and responsiveness.
- o Revised manuscripts may be returned to the referee/s who may ask for further revisions.
- o Publication in the journal is subject to approval by the peer reviewers based on the author's revisions.

Peer Reviewer Guidelines

Referees are asked to evaluate whether the manuscript:
- o Is novel and original? Contains material that is new or adds significantly to knowledge already published on the subject?
- o Is there any critical information missing?
- o Does it provide sufficient information and in-depth discussion?
- o Is the overall structure well-organised, well-balanced and objective?
- o Are sufficient, up-to-date scholarly references cited for providing a background to the research?
- o Is it publishable with/without English correction; acceptable after minor revisions of content and/or English as per the reviewer's comments; not acceptable, requires major revisions referring to the reviewer's comments; should be excluded.
- o Referees are requested to provide in-text comments on the article as well for the author/s. For confidentiality purposes they are asked change their name/initials in the MS WORD Options if comments are inserted in the article.