

Top 10 Tips on Identifying Predatory Journals and Conferences

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Submitting your research work to predatory journals/conferences can adversely affect your research career. However, many researchers are unable to distinguish between legitimate journals/conferences and those that are predatory in nature. In this post, we share some useful tips that will help you to identify such predatory conferences and/or journals effectively.



10 TIPS ON IDENTIFYING PREDATORY JOURNALS AND CONFERENCES

AVOID 

- 1** Borderline journals with low h-indices even if they are listed in good databases such as SCOPUS. This will reduce the odds of the journal getting blacklisted later
- 2** Invitations from conferences with overly generic names (e.g., Global Conference on Science, Engineering, and Biotechnology.)
- 3** Extremely large conferences that combine different fields (e.g., arts, science, and history)
- 4** Responding to invitations from emails with free email accounts (e.g., conf2019@gmail.com)
- 5** Attending a conference with relatively unknown speakers, unclear agenda, and unclear peer review or anti-plagiarism policies
- 6** Conferences promising a quick turnaround time for papers, offering large number of rewards, or sounding like tourist events

CHECK 

- 7** Background and work history of the journal and that of the editor-in-chief
- 8** Geographical variety and profiles (qualifications, reviewing experience, etc.) of the reviewers/editors
- 9** Whether the organizers of the conferences are professional societies/well-established organizations
- 10** Visit enago.com/academy/?s=predatory for detailed insights




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