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# “Predatory Publishing

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## Predatory Publishing

Term used to describe a variety of exploitive practices involving charging authors publication fees without providing any editorial or publishing services that are typically part of the academic publishing process.

Predatory publishing is most often associated with open access publishing models. The goal is revenue generation.



## Predatory Meetings

Invitations to 'Predatory Meetings' are on the rise.

These conferences are simply revenue generators for the conference organizers, they are not legitimate scientific meetings held by genuine scientific societies or organizations



## A growing problem

In 2011 there were 18 identified predatory publishers, in 2016 the list is now 923

In 2013 there were 126 standalone journals identified as “Potential, Possible, or Probable Predatory Journals”, in 2016 the list is now 882  
{stats from Scholarly Open Access website}

Primary targets are junior faculty and early career scientists who need to publish.

Concentrated in India, China, now Russia



# What Does it Look Like??



- Generic emails sent out broadly inviting article submissions or inviting junior faculty to serve on editorial boards
- Emails and Websites that have lots of errors, ESL, typos, dead links
- Editorial Boards with scientists listed with no affiliations, or all from the same place, or all from the same discipline or unrelated discipline
- Articles accepted with little or no peer review or changes requested
- Normal editorial processes not followed



- Editorial Faculty credentials faked, or used without permission
- Inability to resign from editorial board
- Invoices sent for article fees after accepting 'invited' articles with no prior mention of fees
- Fake physical addresses used, generic commercial email addresses used
- Journal names that are very close (or the same as) legitimate journals



**Dear Dr. Caroline Wagner,**

Greetings from [Journal of Stock & Forex Trading!!!](#)

On behalf of **Dr. Chun-I Chen**, I-Shou University Taiwan, also the honourable editor for Journal of Stock & Forex Trading, I take this opportunity to invite manuscripts for the special issue of the journal.

Journal of Stock & Forex Trading journal publishes all kinds Research, Review, Short Commentaries, Case reports, Mini Reviews.

Manuscripts received on or before **February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016** will appear in the upcoming issue.

Please visit <http://www.omicsgroup.org/journals/ArchiveJSTF/currentissue-stock-forex-trading-open-access.php>

For further details feel free to contact us.

**With Regards,**

Olivia Brown

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Journal of Stock & Forex Trading.





**From:** Ms. Angella nelson [<mailto:shanasaguinetti@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 3:10 PM

**Subject:** INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE INVITATION 2016.

Dear Colleague,

The International Youth Peace Foundation Conference (I.Y.P.F) is pleased to invite you to participate in the forth-coming International Conference on Child Abuse, ebola virus.HIV/AIDS, Racism and Human Trafficking. This event will commence from March 7th- 11th 2016 in California, United State of America and March 14th-18th to 2016 in Republic of Senegal. I am honored to invite you to attend these events as my guest. For more details and requirements for your registration, kindly contact the secretary Mrs Miret Johnson. via E-mail: ([Miretjohnsonsecretary@usa.com](mailto:Miretjohnsonsecretary@usa.com)) Also feel free to contact me if you need any further details related to these events. Endeavor to inform the secretary that you were invited to participate by me (Ms. Angella nelson) a staff member of the Global Youth Peace Foundation Conference.

Note that the Organizing Committee and Our donor sponsors will take the full responsibility of all registered participants visa processing for the United States & Republic of Senegal respectively. That will include your Round trip air tickets to both events. While delegates will only be responsible for confirming their Hotel accommodation in Republic of Senegal where the second phase of the event will take place. I do hope you can make time in your busy schedule to attend these conferences and share your ideas on the listed topic above.

Kindly keep me informed via ([Angellanelson@mail.com](mailto:Angellanelson@mail.com)) if you will be able to make it to attend the events.

Thanks

Ms. Angella nelson

The International Youth Peace Foundation Conference (I.Y.P.F)

Los Angeles, California

United State of America



**How do I  
know if it is  
legit??**



- Check with colleagues, if everyone in your department got the email then you should probably pass
- Check the website, does it look legitimate?
- Are there clear indications of what the publishing fees are?
- Do you recognize anyone on the Editorial Board?
- Check on-line lists of legitimate open access publishers and journals (e.g., Beall's list)



- Google the address, is there actually a building?
- Google the conference name, often people post warnings that a conference is not legitimate
- Be cautious but remember that not all open access journals are bad. Ask questions. If something seems fishy or too good to be true - it probably is.
- If you need help, contact the Office of Research Compliance or the Office of Legal Affairs



“Headquarters” of Austin Publishing Group



## Resources

- **Beall's List**  
<https://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/>
- **Directory of Open Access Journals**  
<https://doaj.org/>
- **Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association**  
<http://oaspa.org/>
- <http://thinkchecksubmit.org/check/>