Identification of predatory conferences: Think. Check. Attend Process

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Abstract

Yes, in addition to predatory journals and publishers, researchers must need to be wary of predatory conferences as well. Now it is expected that with the given checklist the problems can be subsidised.

Introduction of Conference

1st of all you aware of the society or the association organizing the conference by its name. Then you must know about the conference related information and authenticity by the available different sources

- you easily identify the venue of the conference.
- May be the first time this type of conference has been proposed.
- your colleagues are also good source because who attended the conferences before.
- In some case, it clear fees will be charged (conference fee, registration fees, etc.) and if these will be waived or not if you are accepted as a speaker.
- Sometime sponsors are also involved in the conferences. So, you aware of any of them, especially with industry-related fields such as Engineering & Biomedical research.
- The conference website is most important because the related legitimate organizations do not use free email accounts and have websites with ".edu" addresses.
- You must find all the information presented in a proper way such as the (attendance fees, submission date, conference date, editorial committee, program details, venue) from the available sources.

- you read any papers from this conference proceedings before or not

Procedure/Methodology

Thus, by following steps or by the given check list we can

prevent the predatory conferences.

Editorial Committee & its Agenda

- There must be clear information about the timeline and the agenda for the conference
- You must check the scope and objectives of the conference fit your field and core interest or not.
- you have heard of the Keynote Speakers in detail
- The Editorial Committee listed on the website or not.
- you must have authentic information of the any of Editorial Committee members.

- The Committee must clear about the editorial control over presentations and the type of peer-review it uses for the conference.

Proceedings of the Conference

- Organizing Committee must crystal clear about where the proceedings will be published.
- The conference must be directed its indexing services it can guarantee published proceedings and to which indexers it will submit the proceedings for evaluation.
- The publisher of the proceedings is a member or not of a recognized industry initiative such as COPE, DOAJ, OASPA.

Conclusion

On the basis of conference venue,website,sponsor,Proceedings,keynote speakers,publishers and indexer it can be justify about the conference that may be predatory or not.