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At the most recent International Academy of Nursing Editors (INANE) meeting in Denver, Colorado, we presented a poster summarizing resources for editors, authors, and peer reviewers. This poster generated lively discussion and there were many ideas about adding to these resources and finding a way to share the information on an ongoing basis. All comments were much appreciated and used to create this article and list of resources. Readers are invited to comment at the end of this article and add to the information we present.

OBJECTIVE

Although a large variety of resources exist, nursing editors may not be aware of where to find them; therefore, each person ends up doing her or his own research which is time consuming and inefficient. Here, we provide readers of *Nurse Author & Editor* with a collated list of useful resources, separated into topic areas, that we have found to be accurate and easy to use, and will help you improve the quality of your journal(s). The resources are meant to be shared and used with authors and reviewers who request additional information as they work on manuscripts.

ETHICAL ISSUES

- Committee on Publication Ethics

The Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) was established in 1997 in the United Kingdom and now has over 11,000 members worldwide from all academic fields. COPE gives advice, support, and education on all aspects of publication ethics, in particular how to handle cases of research and publication misconduct. Many nursing journals are published by companies that are COPE members. Even if a journal is not a member of COPE, the resources are free and readily available on the website (<http://publicationethics.org/resources>). Reviewers note that COPE has practical and timely information that is easily accessible. Flowsheets guide editors, authors, and publishers who need to make difficult decisions about potential misconduct or unethical situations. COPE discussion forums provide interactive sessions where expert advice is offered and best practices developed. Outcomes from the forum sessions are posted on the website.

- The publisher, Elsevier, provides a nice resource on Publishing Ethics, with duties of publisher, editors, reviewers, and authors all clearly spelled out. This link is the starting point for a deep dive for exploration.
 - <https://www.elsevier.com/about/our-business/policies/publishing-ethics>

- Another resource from Elsevier, this site has information on publishing and resource ethics and includes lectures, videos and interactive courses.
 - <https://www.publishingcampus.elsevier.com/pages/63//ethics/Publishing-ethics.html>
- When misconduct occurs, issues are brought to the attention of editors and publishers. What happens then? Corrections are made or in more serious cases, articles are retracted. Keep up-to-date on all manner of scientific misconduct at Retraction Watch. You can subscribe for free. Content is updated several times daily.
 - <http://retractionwatch.com>
- From the Council of Scientific Editors (CSE), this white paper from 2012 provides guidance for editors, authors, reviewers, and sponsors on roles and responsibilities related to publication ethics.
 - <https://www.councilscienceeditors.org/resource-library/editorial-policies/white-paper-on-publication-ethics/>

RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING REPORTING OF RESEARCH

- EQUATOR Network: EQUATOR-network.org

From the website:

The EQUATOR (Enhancing the QUALity and Transparency Of health Research) Network is an international initiative that seeks to improve the reliability and value of published health research literature by promoting transparent and accurate reporting and wider use of robust reporting guidelines.

It is the first coordinated attempt to tackle the problems of inadequate reporting systematically and on a global scale; it advances the work done by individual groups over the last 15 years.

The site includes a library for health research reporting, guidelines for reporting research, and a number of toolkits. At present, there are 362 reporting guidelines at the site. Some of the more well-known that appear in nursing journals are:

- CONSORT – Randomized Trials
- STROBE – Observational Studies
- PRISMA – Systematic Reviews
- CARE – Case Reports
- SRQR – Qualitative Research
- STARD – Diagnostic/Prognostic Studies
- SQUIRE – Quality Improvement Studies
- SPIRIT – Study Protocols
- AGREE – Clinical Practice Guidelines

RESOURCES FOR MANAGING RESEARCH INTEGRITY

- Managing Allegations of Scientific Misconduct produced by the Office of Research Integrity, from the US Department of Health and Human Services. Although the document was first produced in 2000, the information is still relevant.
 - https://ori.hhs.gov/images/ddblock/masm_2000.pdf
- Also from the Office of Research Integrity, an online learning tool on image processing in science, with guidelines and guidance on what is appropriate and

what is not. There are a number of videos at the site which are extremely helpful, including one directed specifically to journal editors.

- <https://ori.hhs.gov/education/products/RlandImages/default.html>
- From the International Council of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE)—resources for authors on declaring conflicts of interest.
 - <http://www.icmje.org/recommendations/browse/roles-and-responsibilities/author-responsibilities-conflicts-of-html>
- Also from ICMJE, guidelines for defining roles of authors and contributors.
 - <http://www.icmje.org/recommendations/browse/roles-and-responsibilities/defining-the-role-of-authors-and-html>
- From the journal *Anesthesiology*, this helpful one-pager gives brief guidelines of how and when to obtain permission to reuse material.
 - <http://anesthesiology.pubs.asahq.org/public.aspx>
- iThenticate is a tremendous resource on issues such as plagiarism and ethical transgressions. They have a number of white papers, research reports, and infographics. This link is just a starting point to explore the site.
 - <http://www.ithenticate.com/resources/papers>

RESOURCES FOR AUTHORS

- From Editage, this link has a helpful infographic on the Top Ten Avoidable Mistakes of an Author:
 - <https://www.editage.com/insights/top-10-avoidable-mistakes-as-an-author>
- All authors should have a digital identifier and ORCID is the leading source to provide one. From the website:

ORCID provides a persistent digital identifier that distinguishes you from every other researcher and, through integration in key research workflows such as manuscript and grant submission, supports automated linkages between you and your professional activities ensuring that your work is recognized.

There is no charge for an ORCID ID. To learn more and register:

- <https://orcid.org/>
- KUDOS allows authors to mobilize their research for greater impact and visibility. Registration is free at the site:
 - <https://www.growkudos.com/>
- If you are searching for a publication outlet, visit the Directory of Nursing Journals, which is a joint effort between the International Academy of Nursing Editors (INANE) and *Nurse Author & Editor*. This is a vetted “white list” which means that all journals have been reviewed and approved for inclusion—there are no predatory journals on the list.
 - <https://nursingeditors.com/journals-directory/>

If you are an editor and would like to have your journal reviewed for inclusion in the Directory, use this link:

- <https://nursingeditors.com/journals-directory/request-a-journals-directory-listing/>

RESOURCES FOR EDITORS

- Another resource from Elsevier, this legal guide provides resources specifically for editors:

- <https://www.elsevier.com/editors/perk/legal-guide-for-editors>
- The Council of Scientific Editors (CSE) has a number of short courses, helpful for both novice and seasoned editors.
 - <https://www.councilscienceeditors.org/resource-library/cse-short-course-descriptions/>
- Elsevier has a newsletter for editors; subscription is optional and free.
 - <https://www.elsevier.com/connect/editors-update>

RESOURCES FOR PEER REVIEWERS CONDUCTING SCHOLARLY REVIEWS

- Wiley provides guidance to peer reviewers in this helpful website.
 - <https://authorservices.wiley.com/Reviewers/journal-reviewers/index.html>
- Taylor and Francis, another publisher, also provides helpful resources to reviewers at this website.
 - <http://editorresources.taylorandfrancisgroup.com/reviewers-guidelines-and-best-practice/>
- Peer reviews take time and thought. Journal editors have always appreciated the contributions of their peer reviewers, but except for a possible “thank you” in the journal there has not been a consistent way to recognize their work. Publons is trying to change that. Spend some time exploring the website and see what Publons can do for you as a reviewer.
 - <https://publons.com/home/>
- Peer Review Week occurs every year in September: this year it is September 11-17, 2017. The Peer Review Week website provides a resources page where you can find how-tos and tutorials, best practices and guidelines, and research related to peer review. Begin your exploration here:

- <http://www.pre-val.org/prw/>

BLOGS AND NEWSLETTERS

There are lots of helpful blogs and newsletters that publish content useful to editors, authors, and reviewers. The following is a brief list of some of our favorites. If you have others that you read regularly and find useful, please post in the comments!

- International Academy of Nursing Editors (INANE) Blog
 - <https://nursingeditors.com/blog/>
- *Nurse Author & Editor*—you are reading it right now! New content posts on the 5th and 20th of every month. Open access and reviewed; you can subscribe at the site to receive notices of new articles. Subscription is free.
 - <http://naepub.com>
- The Society for Scholarly Publishing has the Scholarly Kitchen Blog. There are 20 “chefs” who post content on an almost-daily basis. You can subscribe (for free) to be notified of new articles.
 - <https://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org>
- Wiley Exchanges Newsletter—another newsletter-type blog with helpful articles for all involved in publishing: authors, editors, or peer reviewers.
 - <https://hub.wiley.com/community/exchanges/>
- The International Society of Managing and Technical Editors (ISMTE) has a website, newsletter, conferences, and discussion forum. Some resources require membership but you can read articles for free at this link:
 - <http://www.ismte.org/page/SharedArticles>

CONCLUSION

In summary, these resources are the beginning compilation of resources predominantly for editors. They can have utility for any nurse author or peer reviewer who seeks more information about the complexities of publishing ethical research and clinical information in reputable journals. We hope to grow this resource and make it readily available to all.

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