

Farmington Consensus2 2016



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Farmington Consensus



- First drafted in 1997 by ISAJE founding journal editors at a planning meeting in Farmington, Connecticut, USA
- Endorsed by ISAJE founding journal editors and subsequently by all new members
- A set of principles that describe basic editorial policies for peer reviewed journals in the addiction field

ISAJE Farmington Consensus Audit 2015-16



- Part of the ISAJE Quality Assurance responsibilities
- Approved unanimously by ISAJE general membership in 2013
- Conducted initially by an internet review of all ISAJE member journals and a selected group of non-member journals
- Followed by a 2014-15 survey of ISAJE member journal editors and online open access journal editors.
- Expanded to include new items based on criteria for Predatory Publishers

Need for FC2: Quality Assurance



- Launch of 20+ addiction journals by Predatory Publishers with questionable peer review and business practices
- Some rogue journals indistinguishable from ISAJE member journals with minimal policies and procedures, suggesting the need for certification by an external organization
- Evolution of quality standards in scientific publishing
- ISAJE journal audits suggest that many journals fail to meet some of the FC1 criteria

Criteria Pertaining to Peer Review (ISAJE Journals = 25)



	Yes responses in %
Are reports and reviews managed by a peer review process?	100.0
Are the policies governing the peer review process publically declared?	80.0
Are referees told in written communication that access to papers for their comment is given in strict confidence?	84.0
Are referees told in written communication that confidentiality should not be broken by pre-publication statements on the content of the submission?	64.0
Are referees asked to declare to the editor if they have a conflict of interest in relation to the material reviewed & if in doubt, to consult the editor?	76.0

Table 2 – Farmington Consensus Criteria Pertaining to Authorship
(English journals 15; Non-English 5)



Authorship, yes responses in %			
Do the Instructions to Authors ask all listed authors to declare they have been personally and substantially involved in the work leading to the paper?			
		80.0%	
Are authors told they must declare that no significant part of submitted material has been published previously nor concurrently being considered by another journal?			
		92%	

**Table 3 – Farmington Consensus Criteria Pertaining to Conflict of Interest/Funding Declarations
(English journals 15; Non-English 5)**



Funding Sources, yes responses in %

Are authors asked to declare funding sources for the writing the article or the conduct of the research?	92.0		
Are authors asked to declare if their relationship with any type of funding source might be fairly construed as exposing them to potential conflict of interest?	88.0%		
Where applicable, are authors asked to give assurance of ethical safeguards and approval by an Ethical Review Committee?	92.0%		

**Table 4 – Farmington Consensus
Criteria Pertaining to Journal Policies
(English journals 15; Non-English 5)**



Does your journal have defined policies for attempted or actual duplicate publication, plagiarism, or scientific fraud?	48%		
Does journal require that sources of support from the alcohol, tobacco, pharmaceutical or other relevant interests be published?\	64%		
Does your journal publish declarations on sources of support received by the editorial staff?	48.0 %		
Does your journal recommend that authors follow specific guidelines in the preparation of their articles. If so, which ones are specified?	16%		

ISAJE Farmington Consensus Audit: Conclusions and Next Steps



- Continue to verify information through personal contacts with editors
- Prepare a report for ISAJE Executive Board and ISAJE membership, without identifying individual member's data
- Notify journal editors of deficiencies in their policies and procedures and suggest ways to improve compliance
- Certify editors when they are in complete compliance with Farmington Consensus
- Need a Subcommittee
- Fees and publisher charges?



Predatory Publishers and Addiction science

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Problems with Addiction Journals Affiliated with Predatory Publishers and Other Non-ISAJE, OA, online, for-profit journals

- Dramatic increase in past decade (N=20)
- Most did not respond to PAS3 Editors Survey
- Many (N=9) have no identifiable editor
- Some falsely list indexing/abstracting services
- Many list Google as one of their indexing/abstracting services

- Dear Researcher,
- Dear Marsha E. Bates,
- Warm Greetings from Editorial Team of Journal!!
- Greetings for the day!
- Hope you are doing well!
- I trust you are doing fine!
- Hope this mail finds you in good spirit.



To begin with

- It is our **immense Pleasure** to inform you that Anals of Public Health and Research is coming up with its upcoming issue upon **Alcoholism**
- **To speed up the development of the science dissemination,** Science Publishing Group (SciencePG) would like to share the latest research achievements[...] If you are interested in us and also **want to share your valuable inspirations** in our journals, welcome to submit your papers to us.
- **To boost the development of the science dissemination,** SciencePG would like to share you the latest research **journal and book works** on Medicine, Health & Biology areas.
- **To saves the author's time and facilitates the research pace,** SciencePG can publish the paper within 30-40 days if the paper is of good quality **and the author cooperates well.**

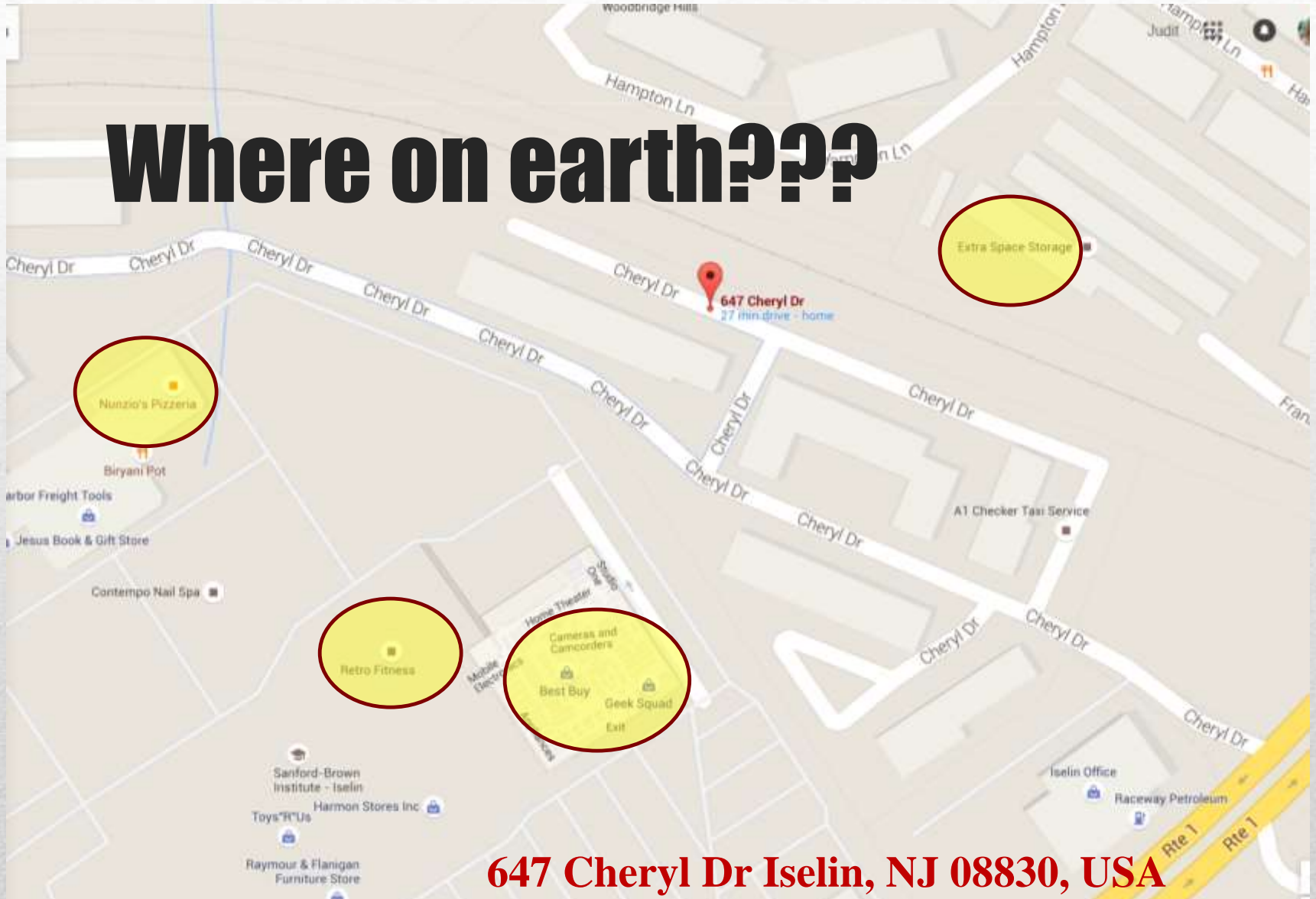
Dear.... Oh dear...

- There is no restriction for the length of your manuscript.
- Our **eminent** editorial panel **which does** peer reviewing of all the articles submitted **which ensures credibility** of the article submitted.
- The **circumnutated** theme of this conference is...
- please let us know **your feasible date** to submit the manuscript
- **Google-based** Impact Factor: 1.15

About the journal/conference



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- We welcome **your gracious presence** as a Speaker at the upcoming 5th International Conference...
- I would like to invite you to be the **Lead Guest Editor** for a Special Issue **on a topic of your choice** (Special Issue for **Computational and Mathematical Methods in Medicine**)
- It takes **less than 5 weeks** for the papers to **appear online on our website** upon submission.
- Hope to receive your paper and **please forward this email to your friends/students.**



Why should you (NOT) publish open access?



- Publishing open access means your paper will be free to view from the moment of publication, **upon payment of an article publishing charge (APC).**

The fine print

By virtue of the Organizing Committee we would be delighted to invite you to the conference International Conference and Exhibition on Dual Diagnosis going to be held during July 18-19, 2016 at Chicago, USA

The circumnuted theme of this conference is Research Strategies, Advanced Technologies and Innovations in Dual Diagnosis. This **conference point of convergence** is on the integration of Addiction Research perspectives that can guide improvements for the health and **Co morbid** drug abuse and mental disorders. The organizing **committee members for the esteemed event are 20 initially who are eminent in the field of Addiction psychiatry.**

In closing, we would be pleased and honored if you would consent to be our speaker at the Conference.

We **will call you in a week or so** to follow up on this.

Best regards
Sophia Loren

A real letter?

**Give up?
NEVER!**

Dear **Dr.** William Bejarano,

I am **Sophia Loren**, the coordinator of International Conference and Exhibition on Dual Diagnosis. I have emailed you an invitation of Dual Diagnosis 2016, but unfortunately have not got your feedback yet. To ensure that you do not miss out, I extend my invitation to you again to **express my sincere wish for your participation** in this conference. After the release of conference news we have got **overwhelming responses** around the world. **So many experts would like to give speech at the conference**, we genuinely hope you will be a part of them and help us make a grand success.

Issues for Further Discussion



- ISAJE editors commentary on Predatory Publisher article
- Internal policy for member journals regarding alternative metrics, use of JIF in marketing
- Should JIF be used in PAS3?
- Education vs regulation?