

THE REGIONOLOGY JOURNAL'S MAIN PRINCIPLES OF EDITORIAL POLICY

1. Overview

1.1. The REGIONOLOGY journal (hereinafter — the Journal) is an academic journal. The Journal basically publishes scientific papers, surveys, reviews, and peer reviews. The Journal is a mass medium, issued in the territory of the Russian Federation. The Journal is intended for distribution in the territory of the Russian Federation and abroad.

1.2. The Journal's editorial policy is based on the requirements applied to mass media and to the copyright law by the Russian legislation, as well as on the ethical principles, supported by the community of publishers of scientific periodicals. Along with this, the Journal's editorial policy is formulated taking into account the Declaration of the Association of Science Editors and Publishers, "Ethical Principles of Scientific Publications" adopted by the General Assembly of the Association of Science Editors and Publishers, held within the framework of the 5th International Scientific and Practical Conference "World-Class Scientific Publication — 2016: Publishing Ethics, Peer-Review and Content Preparation" (Moscow, 20 May 2016).

1.3. Materials published in the Journal are on the Internet (on the official website of the Journal, on the website of the scientific electronic library "KiberLeninka" and on the eLIBRARY.ru website, etc.) in the public domain and can be read without charge. The hard copies of the Journal are available in some libraries of the Russian Federation (Russian State Library, Russian National Library, A. S. Pushkin National Library of the Republic of Mordovia, Scientific Library of the Ogarev Mordovia State University, etc.). Subscription to the Journal can be taken out in post offices according to the catalog of the Stock company Agency «Rospechat».

1.4. Papers are accepted for publication on an ongoing basis.

2. The Editors

2.1. In their professional activities, the Editors (the editorial staff of the Journal) are guided by the principles of scientific character, objectivity, professionalism, impartiality, and confidentiality of the editorial process. In their work, the Editors shall never allow disorderliness, negligence, irresponsibility, disrespect to the authors, bribery, and pettiness.

2.2. The Editors shall never impose citing papers, which were previously published in the Journal, on the authors, for the purpose of improving its

scientometric indicators, as well as shall not provide other journals or specific authors with such “help”.

2.3. The Editors shall never conducts electronic mailing (nor in an envelope) newsletter with offers to be publish a paper in the Journal.

2.4. The Editors shall never impose subscription to the Journal.

2.5. The Editors shall not provide any pay or agency services.

2.6. The Editors (along with the authors, the publisher, the founder, the Editorial Board members, and the reviewers) shall comply with ethical obligations in respect of the materials published and dissemination of results of scientific research.

2.7. The Editors shall immediately respond to a request of a citizen (or their legal representatives) or an institution to refute information untrue and defamatory for their honor and dignity published in the Journal. The Editors shall withdraw unfair publications from the scientific space and prevent the Journal from publishing papers containing pseudoscientific facts, plagiarism, compilation or falsification of data. The Editors shall not publish pseudo-scientific, knowingly inaccurate or falsified information in the Journal.

2.8. The Editors shall not allow publishing materials of correspondence scientific conferences.

2.9. Publication of papers in the Journal with the aim of committing criminally punishable acts shall not be allowed. The Editors shall not allow publication of papers containing any information related to:

— disclosure of information constituting state or other secret protected by the law;

— call for terrorist and extremist activities, illegal change of the constitutional order and the integrity of the state;

— fomentation national, class, social, religious intolerance and hatred and other prohibited by the legislation of the Russian Federation acts;

— propaganda of war, genocide, fascism, cult of violence and cruelty, pedophilia, pornography, alcoholism, drug abuse, sectarian ideology and other negative and socially dangerous phenomena;

— belittling someone's honor and dignity.

The Editors shall also not allow publication of papers containing obscene language and information harmful to the health and development of children.

2.10. Manuscripts submitted simultaneously to other journals and papers, which in most part have already been published elsewhere as an article or part of

another work, shall not be considered. Otherwise, the Editors will have to retract (revoke) such publications.

2.11. The Editors shall be open for cooperation with professional scientific associations and industry-specific communities to ensure high quality work of scientists.

3. Authors

3.1. The Editors' interaction with the authors shall be based on the principles of fairness, courtesy, objectivity, honesty, and transparency.

3.2. Any author may publish a paper in the Journal.

3.3. The Editors expect that the authors submitting their papers for publication in the Journal adhere to the following principles:

— a thorough and conscientious approach to writing the paper (the paper must be genuine, with no plagiarism, no compilation fragments, no deliberately falsified data);

— accuracy of the information about the author (name, place of study or work, degree, etc.);

— credibility of the research and the results of scientific work, the weight of academic findings and objective discussion of the significance of the research (the results of the research shall be presented clearly, honestly, without fabrication, falsification, tampering or improper manipulation of data; the research methods shall be described clearly and unambiguously, their findings shall be corroborated);

— recognition of contribution of other persons, mandatory bibliographic references to the works used;

— presentation of information from confidential sources only with their permission;

— guarantee that the research described in the paper was conducted in accordance with ethical and legal standards;

— guarantee (if the paper has been written by several persons) that all of the authors, relevant to the submitted paper, know about its existence and agree to its publication in the Journal. Authorship of the scientific publications should accurately reflect the personal contribution of each co-author to the research;

— guarantee that the submitted paper was not intended for simultaneous publication in other journals;

— responsibility to indicate the sources of financial support for the project, the results of which are described in the paper. The Editors ask the authors to disclose relationships with industrial and financial institutions that could lead to a conflict of interests. The authors should indicate all the sources of funding in the paper;

— immediate report of finding major errors in the paper by the author (or the authors) and interaction with the Editors to speed up their correction;

— timely correction of defects and blunders identified by the reviewer or by the Editors.

3.4. The right of authorship belongs to the authors of the papers. Specifying persons who have made no intellectual contribution to the research as the authors shall infringe copyright and publication ethics.

3.5. Papers must use only genuine scientific data. In case of citing other researchers, appropriate references must be made. Papers with instances of compilation or plagiarism shall not be published.

3.6. Any reprint of the materials published in the Journal made for the informational, scientific, educational or cultural purposes is permitted only with a proper reference to the original paper published in the Journal with obligatory indication of the names of the authors. Free reproduction of materials of the Journal is allowed in accordance with Articles 1273 and 1274 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation. Other types of use are possible only after concluding appropriate written agreements with the right holder.

3.7. The Editors shall never disclose information about the paper to anyone except the authors, the members of the Editorial Board and the reviewers, invited by the Editors to work on the paper.

3.8. At the final stage of publication, papers are submitted to the authors for approval.

4. Reviewing

4.1. All papers submitted to the Editors shall be peer-reviewed.

4.2. Considering reviewing an important link in ensuring the exchange of scientific information, the Editors require that the reviewers adhere to the principles of confidentiality, objectivity, impartiality, clarity and argumentation of expression, respect for the principle of acknowledgement of the primary sources. Reviewers shall express their views clearly, giving relevant arguments. Information or ideas obtained during the review shall be treated as confidential and not be used for personal purposes. A review is a necessary as the main document of the expert examination conducted by the Editors to determine compliance of the material with the thematic focus of the Journal.

4.3. The Editors shall not accept negligent reviews written carelessly and merely for form's sake as well as anonymous reviews.

4.4. Reviewing in the Journal shall be voluntary (the reviewer has the right to refuse), free, “bilateral blind” (the reviewer and author are not familiar with each other).

4.5. The Editors shall not require external reviews from the authors, including reviews of scientific advisers and consultants, as well as extracts from the minutes of the meeting of the department. The Editors shall not carry out contractual review or pseudo-review.