

Peer Review Policy

1. General provisions

1.1. The Editorial Board considers for publication manuscripts submitted to the Journal's email address: plresources@mail.ru.

1.2. All submissions are subject for initial assessment, internal expert evaluation (by the Editorial Board members) and external review.

1.3. The decision to acceptance (or reject) the manuscript is made and the author is notified within 90 days of the date of email submission to the Editor's address.

1.4. The manuscript may be rejected by the decision of the Editor-in-Chief:

1.4.1. due to the author's unavailability for communication more than 30 consecutive days;

1.4.2. based on the results of internal expert evaluation;

1.4.3. based on the results of external reviews and the author's response the referees' comments.

The positive review(s) is (are) not a sufficient reason for the acceptance of manuscript.

1.5. The reviews are kept on file by the Journal's Editorial and Publisher's offices for 5 years from the date of the manuscript publication or rejection. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Editor undertakes to send copies of the reviews to the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation.

2. Registration and initial check

2.1. All new submissions are registered and checked within 10 days of the receipt.

2.2. The manuscript submitted to the Editor's email address is registered by the Executive Secretary with the stated date of receipt.

2.3. The Executive Secretary checks if the manuscript complies with the Journal's formal requirements: recommended size, structure, keywords, Russian and English abstracts, list of references, file requirements, electronic document preparation standards, author's contact details, etc.

2.4. In case the submitted manuscript does not comply with the Journal's formal manuscript design requirements, it is returned to the author for improvement.

2.5. Once the registered manuscript passes the initial check by the Executive Secretary, it is evaluated by the Editor-in-Chief or Editorial Board member responsible for the specific research field.

3. Internal evaluation

3.1. The internal evaluation of manuscript is carried out within 20 days of the receipt, if submission complies with the Journal's formal manuscript design requirements.

3.2. The internal evaluation is executed by the Editor-in-Chief or Editorial Board member responsible for the specific research field.

3.3. The Editor-in-Chief or Editorial Board member responsible for the specific research field evaluates the manuscript for its compliance with the scope of the Journal and scientific research requirements, recommends the manuscript for publication or rejects it, suggests appropriate referees and their contact information.

3.4. Following internal evaluation, the Editor-in-Chief or Editorial Board member responsible for the specific research field, makes recommendations to the Executive Secretary.

3.5. If the Editor-in-Chief or Editorial Board member responsible for the specific research field, recommends to reject the manuscript, the author is notified of the negative decision.

3.6. Internally evaluated manuscripts are sent out to external referees for further assessment.

4. External reviewing

4.1. The manuscript is reviewed by the external referees within 60 days of the internal evaluation recommendations conveyed.

4.2. After passing initial check and internal evaluation, all manuscripts are subject to anonymous external peer review by at least two independent referees who are expert in the specific research field.

4.3. Recognized scholars with academic degrees are invited as referees.

4.4. Only referees who have no conflict of interests with the author are invited to evaluate the manuscript. Manuscripts cannot be assigned for review to:

4.4.1. employees of institutions or organizations affiliated with the authors;

4.4.2. current or former students or academic advisors of the authors;

4.4.3. co-authors of other publications of the authors;

4.4.4. authors' co-investigators in joint research projects.

4.5. Where referees have a conflict of interests, this should be declared to the Editor and invitation to review declined.

4.6. The Journal adopts single blind review scheme. Upon submission, authors may provide the names of colleagues with whom they have a conflict of interests. The referee receives the manuscript indicating authors' names and affiliations, i.e. with full authors' identities as provided for by the Journal paper.

4.7. Manuscript referees are invited to address the following criteria:

- scientific novelty and originality of the work;
- relevance of the manuscript title to its content;
- correct choice of keywords;
- relevance of the research goals to the obtained results;
- relevance of the methodology to the research objectives;
- completeness of results and discussion and clarity of presentation;
- informative value, sufficiency and expressiveness of tables and figures;
- informative value and clarity of the Russian and English abstracts;
- completeness and reliability of the referenced literature sources.

4.8. All communication between author and referees is conducted through the Executive Secretary of the Editorial Board. Author should address all the referees' comments accepting or reasonably disagreeing with their opinion. Both parties should observe the editorial ethics. The referees may suggest manuscript revisions, including alternative titles, and the authors may reasonably defend their arguments and opinion.

4.9. After receiving the referees' reports, the Executive Secretary sends to the author the reviews with comments and suggestions to consider during manuscript revision. The authors finalize the manuscript based on the referees' comments and / or provide a detailed response to the referees.

4.10. All correspondence is kept on file by the Journal's Editorial office for 5 years and may be provided to the authorized inspecting bodies.

4.11. After considering manuscript, the referee should recommend one of the following:

- to publish manuscript as it was submitted (with no revisions);
- to publish manuscript after introducing the author with comments and recommendations of the referees (revision at the discretion of the author) ;
- to publish manuscript after revision that addresses referees' comments;
- to reject with option to resubmit;
- to reject outright.

4.12. By the decision of the Editor-in-Chief, manuscript may be subject for additional review, including manuscripts resubmitted after revision.

4.13. The revised manuscripts that are not submitted within 30 days after reviews have been conveyed to the authors are considered as new submissions.

5. Publishing or rejection

5.1. Editorial Board considers finalized manuscript, reviews and authors' response to the referees' comments and decides on whether to publish manuscript or reject it.

5.2. Within 10 days following Editorial Board meeting, the Executive secretary notifies the authors of the Editor's decision to publish the manuscript or sends reasonable rejection.