

Challenges in publishing in newly established universities (Kosovo and Macedonia)

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Abstract:

As elsewhere in the world, Universities that have been established in Kosovo and Macedonia these last years are facing many challenges with regard to the area of academic publishing. As new institutions have not being able yet to create conditions for their staff to publish in a "safe way." Their academic staff has been unknowingly subject to some hijacked journals. The phenomenon has been noticed during the promotion process for Associated Professors. Therefore, the aim of this article is to present challenges faced in this regard by these universities, ways how these hijacked journals were detected and measures taken in order to prevent this phenomenon from happening again and help their staff in publishing in real journals' existing publishing houses. This information should be useful for other young institutions that might face the same challenges in future.

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