

Code of Ethics of the REMEVAL journal

1. Introduction

REMEVAL is a quarterly scientific publication whose mission is to promote and disseminate scientific knowledge through contributions originally written in Spanish or English on aspects related to processes, methods, case studies, experiences, and reflections on the topics of Planning, Public Policy Evaluation, Plans, Programs, Projects, initiatives, and interventions of various kinds that are unpublished and relevant. This Code of Ethics establishes the principles, standards of conduct, and responsibilities that should govern the actions of all persons involved in its editorial process: authors, reviewers, editors, members of the scientific committee, and technical staff. This Code of Ethics establishes the principles, standards of conduct, and responsibilities that should govern the actions of all persons involved (PI) in its editorial process: authors, reviewers, editors, members of the scientific committee, and technical staff.

This code is based on international standards of ethics in academic publishing, including the guidelines of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA), and the Singapore Declaration on Research Integrity.

2. Fundamental Ethical Principles

1. Scientific Integrity: All participants are expected to behave ethically, honestly, and transparently, ensuring that the data, arguments, and conclusions presented are verifiable, traceable, and unmanipulated.
2. Originality and Respect for Intellectual Property: Manuscripts must be original, unpublished, and not under simultaneous review by other journals. Plagiarism, self-plagiarism, manipulation of results, and misuse of sources are strictly prohibited.
3. Transparency and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: All participants must declare any personal, institutional, economic, or ideological interests that may influence their judgment during the editorial process.

4. Confidentiality and Data Protection: The journal is committed to safeguarding the privacy of the information contained in contributions, as well as the identity of authors and reviewers during the peer review process.

5. Respect, equity, and inclusion: Fair and respectful treatment will be promoted, free from discrimination based on gender, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, age, disability, ideology, or institutional affiliation.

6. Social responsibility of science: REMEVAL promotes science committed to collective well-being, respect for human rights, ancestral knowledge, epistemic diversity, and sustainability.

3. Responsibilities of the Authors

- Ensure the originality, relevance, and methodological soundness of contributions.
- Correctly cite all sources and respect copyright.
- Clearly identify the specific contribution of each co-author (transparent authorship).
- Promptly report any relevant errors or inconsistencies discovered after publication.
- Refrain from engaging in duplicate, fragmented, or fraudulent publication practices.
- Explicitly declare any conflicts of interest.

4. Responsibilities of the Reviewers

- Evaluate contributions objectively, critically, and constructively, focusing on academic quality.
- Submit reviews within the established deadlines or notify in advance of their unavailability.
- Maintain the confidentiality of contributions and refrain from using their content for personal gain.
- Declare any conflicts of interest that may interfere with their impartiality.

- Alert the editorial team if they detect plagiarism, data manipulation, or scientific misconduct.

5. Responsibilities of the Editorial Committee and the Editorial Team

- Guarantee the impartiality, transparency, and confidentiality of the entire editorial process.

- Ensure compliance with the ethical principles established in this code.

- Avoid editorial decisions motivated by personal or institutional conflicts of interest.

- Take corrective measures in response to well-founded ethical complaints, in accordance with the established procedure.

- Ensure the publication of corrections, retractions, or errata when appropriate.

- Promote epistemic and geographic diversity in the content and authors interested in publishing in REMEVAL.

6. Responsibilities of the Scientific Committee

- Advise the Editorial Team in defining and updating editorial policies and quality criteria.

- Oversee the application of this Code of Ethics and assist in the resolution of complex ethical disputes.

- Promote the journal's connection with academic networks, research institutions, and open access repositories.

- Promote ethical training, scientific integrity, and good editorial practices among the journal's contributors.

7. Ethical Conflict Resolution Mechanism

In the event of a suspected or reported ethical violation, the following protocol will be followed:

1. Receiving the complaint: It can be submitted anonymously or with an identified person, using the journal's contact email: remeval.org@gmail.com

2. Preliminary investigation: The Editorial Committee will gather relevant information, including statements from all parties involved.

3. Evaluation of the case: In a plenary session, the Editorial Committee and the Scientific Committee will determine whether there was misconduct, inadvertent error, or dubious interpretation of ethical standards.

4. Decision and actions: Depending on the severity of the case, the following may be applied:

- Correction or retraction of the article.
- Notification of the affiliated institutions.
- Temporary or permanent disqualification from publishing or reviewing in the journal.
- Publication of an explanatory editorial note.

This process will be carried out in compliance with the principles of confidentiality, procedural fairness, and respect for the rights of all persons involved.

8. Permanent Ethical Training and Evaluation

REMEVAL is committed to offering regular training sessions on ethics in scientific publication, research integrity, peer review, and conflicts of interest. The Editorial Committee will also conduct an annual evaluation of compliance with the code and recommend updates if necessary.

9. Institutional Commitment

All individuals associated with REMEVAL, without exception, must read, understand, and accept this Code of Ethics as part of their commitment to the journal's quality, integrity, and credibility. The code will be publicly accessible and updated based on international best practices.

10. Referencias

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