

Publication ethics statement

R & D Technology Magazine (RIDTEC) is a journal indexed in Latindex with a major international scientific coverage. RIDTEC would be published every six months (Semiannual) from the Technological University of Panama (UTP). RIDTEC specializes in areas of basic science and engineering with a focus on all areas of knowledge. Following is a statement of ethics for the publication and best practices in RIDTEC, based on the "Code of conduct and good practices" as defined by the Ethics Committee Publications (COPE) for editors of scientific journals¹ and the "Code presents ethical and statement of good practice "as defined by Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)². At the same time, it is demanding absolute clarity in scientific writing, ensuring the quality of published and respecting the intellectual property of the content of the articles. All parties involved in the publication of the RIDTEC must accept and respect the ethical principles expressed herein.

1. Publications and compliance with best practices

1.1 References and plagiarism

The author (s) is (are) responsible for the accuracy of the content and citation of all references to ensure that the items and materials associated with it are original or do not infringe in copyright; therefore, plagiarism it is strictly prohibited so the items that are identified as plagiarism, will be deleted regardless of the magazine publication status or during the editorial process.

1.2 Articles evaluation

Each article will be evaluated by the "peer review" method to determine its technical quality, originality, scientific contribution, among other relevant criteria.

Peer review is governed by the "**double-blind**" method to ensure an un-bias and free from conflict of interest evaluation process free. The final opinions or approval will be issued by the Editorial Board (EB) of the RIDTEC. This implies that the article cannot be **replaced** during the evaluation process or **withdrawn** if it is recommended for publication.

1.3 Article Selection

The members of the EB of RIDTEC will select the articles from the list of eligible according to the eligibility criteria. In addition, the selection sessions will be presided by the President of the CE and to be legal, a quorum will be composed of half plus one of its members.

1.4 Confidentiality

The members of the EB, University Editorial (UE), Strategic Communication Directorate (DICOMES) and the evaluators pledge not to disclose any information about any article submitted to the journal, outside of the participants themselves during the process and selection of articles.

1.5 Duplication or concurrence of articles

The submission of the manuscript to this journal implies that the author agrees with the evaluation method applied to the article, has not sent to evaluation or published the article in another journal, and the article is not in the process of being published in another magazine. For this reason, the author (s) agrees not to send the article to another journal while waiting for the EB evaluation report. In case the author does not comply with these requirements, the article will be eliminated.

1.6 Acknowledgment

The acknowledgments of sponsors for the financial support will be indicated in an exclusive section and will be respected in the publication.

1 <http://publicationethics.org/about/guide/journal-editors>, COPE.

2 http://www.cidob.org/es/articulos/revista_cidob_d_afers_internacionals/normas/codigo_etico_y_declaracion_de_buenas_practicas, CIDOB (Creative Commons: Atribución-NoComercial-CompartirIgual 3.0 Unported)

2. Duties of the Editorial Board

2.1 Article Selection Agreements

When selecting articles, the members of the EB should be guided by the policies of the journal's publication, in the case of plagiarism or fraudulent information in order to contribute to safeguard and improvement the image and prestige of the journal.

EB members are responsible for evaluating articles based on the following criteria:

- Originality of work
- Relevance of the article
- Quality of the article
- Presentation, drafting and clarity of the sections of the article.

In no case shall be taken into account the race, gender, sexual orientation, belief, origin, citizenship, academic affiliation, business or political orientation of the author (s).

2.2 Article Reviews

EC members will follow up comments from evaluators to avoid overly rigorous or offensive evaluations to the authors.

They may also propose to the author (s) modifications to the articles, based on the comments of the evaluators or the instructions. It should be noted that EB members could reject an article without peer review if it does not follow the guidelines dictated by the directive or is incomplete.

2.3 Conflict of Interest

EB members will refrain from participating in evaluations, publishing and any editorial process that include articles with which they may have a conflict of interest because of their academic relationship or affiliation with any of the authors. Confidentiality is maintained before any clarifications, complaints that the author (s) may wish to submit to the EB of the journal.

3. Obligations of evaluators

3.1 Contributions to article selection agreements

The evaluators will provide significant input in decision-making for the selection and may also assist the author (s) in improving the article.

3.2 Availability

Evaluators who do not feel able to undertake the review of the article or who cannot carry out the review within the established time must inform the EB with a reasonable time to assign the article to alternative evaluators.

3.3 Conflict of Interest

Evaluators are not allowed to divulge any direct or indirect information of the article in consideration and it is strictly prohibited to use articles in process of revision or rejected.

4. Obligations of Authors

4.1 Guidelines

The author (s) can easily modify the structure of the RIDTEC instructions for their article, but this should follow the layout established by the CE of the journal. Also, it is important to present the design and type of research, research steps, materials and methods. In addition, the author (s) should include the criteria for the selection of the treated material, the controls, planned and performed studies. It should be noted that the results should be presented in a logical order based on the propose methodology. Use tables and figures when possible for a better explanation, clear, summarized and referenced.

4.2 Commitment to the magazine

The author (s) accept the process of the peer review method, upon request by the EB. In addition, the author (s) may only modify or withdraw the article before the date established for the reception time cutoff.

The author (s) is responsible for the accuracy of the content and citation of all references to ensure that the article and the materials associated with it are original and scientifically grounded.

4.3 Originality

The author (s) agrees to create a writing with original results of a properly scientific investigation with the aim of illustrating the readers on fundamental R & D concepts.

The author (s) must accept and respect the standard of references adopted by the CB.

4.4 Corrections or errors in the article

The author (s) shall inform the EB in case of an error or inaccuracy in the context of the article published in the journal. If necessary, the author (s) should collaborate with the EB to carry out the correction in the publication or an apology, as the case may be.

4.5 Conflict of Interest

The author (s) shall publish in the article any acknowledgment to sponsors, either for financial or utilities support to carry out the investigation of the same. The "attack" to other authors is unacceptable.