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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Report on Predatory Publishing

Dear Madam, Sir,

The Conference of the Parties, at its 29th meeting (Videoconference, 2021) adopted Decision XXIX/17 which:

Instructs the IAI Directorate, in collaboration with the SAC and the SPAC, to work with national and international academies of science, scientific publishers, universities and other relevant partners to raise awareness of and prevent the growth of fraudulent and predatory publishing in the Americas.

In support of this Decision, the IAI Directorate joined a group of experts coordinated by the Inter-Academy Partnership (IAP) to study the impact of predatory publishing, identify its root causes and issue recommendations to raise awareness and prevent increased growth.

I am please to inform you that the results of this work were published as a report and are available to IAI Parties and community.

This report is the culmination of a two-year study, *Combating Predatory Academic Journals and Conferences*, funded by The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, which has explored these practices more comprehensively and inclusively than any previously.

The international Working Group of experts conducted extensive desk research, heard evidence from key stakeholders, and developed a global survey that reached over 1800 researchers around the world to build a better understanding of what constitutes predatory academic practices, their prevalence and impact, tools and resources to avoid them, and the drivers or root causes enabling them to thrive. The authors' message is unconditional: predatory academic practices are rising at a concerning rate and require urgent attention.

The report may also be of interest to Parties given the threat it poses to the model of open access scientific publishing that is unique to Latin America and the Caribbean.

The report is available on the IAP website at:

<https://www.interacademies.org/project/predatorypublishing>. The Summary Report is available in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

Information on the Group of Experts is available at:

<https://www.interacademies.org/project/predatorypublishing#people>

The official launch of the report will be on 16 March 2022. This event will bring together members of stakeholder groups, including the IAI Directorate, to discuss the rise of predatory journals and conferences and the recommendations of the report.

Interested Parties and stakeholders may register to receive the Zoom details at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/predatorypracticeslaunch>

The IAI Directorate invites Parties to share the report with its universities, academies of science and science publishers.

Questions on the report may be sent to Ms Soledad Noya at: soledad@dir.iai.int

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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