

Author Copyright Agreement

Inderscience Enterprises Ltd, trading as Inderscience Publishers, of Rue de Pré-Bois 14, 1216 Cointrin-Geneva, Switzerland ("Inderscience")

If your article has been accepted for publication, each author must sign a copyright agreement form after reading the Explanatory Notes below and either (*for online submissions*) follow the online instructions or (*for email submissions*) send the signed forms, in electronic format, to the Editor (or other recipient as advised by the Editor of the specific journal), together with the final version of the article.

So that we can ensure both the widest dissemination and protection of material published in Inderscience's journals, we ask authors to assign copyright in their articles, including abstracts, to Inderscience. This enables us to ensure copyright protection against infringement, and to disseminate your article, and our journals, as widely as possible.

1. In consideration of the undertaking set out in paragraph 2, and upon acceptance by Inderscience for publication in the Journal, [insert the full names of all authors, reflecting the name order given in the article]

.....
hereafter 'the Author' hereby assigns and transfers to Inderscience, the copyright in and to [insert article title]

.....
hereafter 'the Article' by the Author to be published in [insert journal title]

.....
hereafter ('the Journal'). This assignment provides Inderscience the sole right and responsibility to publish the Article, including the right to sub-license publishing or distribution rights to the Article as may be appropriate, in both printed and electronic form; the Article may be published in printed, online, CD-ROM, microfiche or in other media formats.

2. In consideration of this assignment, Inderscience hereby undertakes to prepare and publish the Article named in paragraph 1 in the Journal, subject only to its right to refuse publication as provided in paragraph 5 or if there are other reasonable grounds; in such case Inderscience reverts and assigns to the Author any and all copyright and other rights in the Article otherwise assigned to it under this Agreement.
3. The Editor of the Journal and Inderscience are empowered to make such editorial changes as may be necessary to make the Article suitable for publication. Every effort will be made to consult the Author if substantive changes are required.
4. The Author hereby asserts his/her moral rights under the UK Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 to be identified as the Author of the Article.
5. The Author warrants that the Article is the Author's original work, it has not been published before either in full or in part and is not currently under consideration for publication elsewhere; and that the Article contains no libellous or unlawful statements and that it in no way infringes the rights of others, nor it is in breach of any English law, and that the Author, as the owner of the copyright, is entitled to make this assignment. If the Author is the Corresponding Author*, the Author warrants that where s/he enters into any correspondence about or agrees to any changes to the Article s/he is authorised to act on behalf of any co-authors in doing so and has provided full and accurate information relating to them where required on the understanding that no further changes can be made after signature of this Agreement.

* The Author designated in the published Article as the individual to contact in the event of an enquiry about a manuscript. The Corresponding Author normally is responsible for correcting page proofs and working with the production editor.

Signed by the Author

Author's name

Address

Country

Date

Author Copyright Agreement: Explanatory Notes

Inderscience's policy is to acquire copyright for all contributions, for the following reasons:

- a. ownership of copyright by a central body helps to ensure maximum international protection against infringement and/or plagiarism;
- b. requests for permission to reproduce articles in books, course packs, electronic reserve or for library loan can be handled centrally, relieving authors of a time-consuming administrative burden;
- c. the demand for research literature in electronic form can be met efficiently, with proper safeguards for authors, editors and journal owners.

There are opportunities to reach institutions (e.g. companies, schools and public libraries) and individual readers that are unlikely to subscribe to the printed Journal. Inderscience works with other organisations to publish its journals online, and to deliver copies of individual articles. It has registered the Journal with the Copyright Licensing Agency, which offers centralised licensing arrangements for digital copying and photocopying around the world. Income received from all of these sources is used to further the interests of the Journal.

Once accepted for publication, your Article will be published in the Journal, and will be stored and distributed electronically, in order to meet increasing library and faculty demand and to deliver it as part of the Journal, as an individual article or as part of a larger collection of articles to meet the specific requirements of a particular market. By signing this Author Copyright Agreement and assigning copyright you agree to Inderscience making such arrangements.

It may be that the Author is not able to make the assignment solely by him- or herself:

- a. If it is appropriate, the Author's employer may sign this agreement. The employer may reserve the right to use the Article for internal or promotional purposes (by indicating on this agreement) and reserve all rights other than copyright.
- b. If the Author is a UK Government employee, the Government will grant a non-exclusive licence to publish the Article in the Journal in any medium or form provided that Crown Copyright and user rights (including patent rights) are reserved. This also applies to other Commonwealth countries.
- c. If the Author is a US Government employee and the work was done in that capacity, the assignment applies only to the extent allowed by US law.

Under the UK's Copyright Design and Patents Act 1988, the Author has the moral right to be identified as the Author wherever the Article is published, and to object to its derogatory treatment or distortion. Inderscience encourages assertion of this right; it represents best publishing practice and is an important safeguard for all authors. Paragraph 4 above asserts the Author's moral rights, as required by the Act.

Authors can use their Article for non-commercial purposes after publication in these ways:

- Posting the *Author's Original** on the Author's personal or departmental web pages and/or institutional repositories and/or subject repositories without embargo and sharing it as much as desired. For open [freely available] repositories, if the manuscript was funded by either RCUK or the Wellcome Trust, use the CC-BY-NC: Creative Commons Attribution-NoDerivs 4.0. Otherwise, follow the licensing restrictions applied to all material copyrighted by Inderscience;
- Posting the *Accepted Manuscript**
 - Internally sharing the Accepted Manuscript within their research collaboration groups only, at any point after publication
 - Posting the Accepted Manuscript on institutional repositories and/or subject repositories, subject to an embargo of 12 months after publication (Green Open Access)
 - Posting the Accepted Manuscript on academic social networks or social media subject to an embargo of 24 months after publication (Green Open Access)

Note for authors of articles funded by Research Councils UK (RCUK) and Wellcome Trust and other governmental organisations: If you are required to deposit your accepted manuscript into your institutional repository within 90 days of acceptance and our embargo period is longer than that permitted by your funder, please choose Gold Open Access. If this is not possible for you, please speak to your institution about applying for an exception to HEFCE's Research Excellence Framework policy.

- Posting the *Version of Record** to a subject-based repository such as PubMed Central *only* in cases where a funding agency providing the grant for the research on which the Article is based requires this of the Author, upon condition that it shall not be accessible until after six months from Inderscience's publication date. The PDF of the VoR should not be posted anywhere else unless it has been published as Open Access. This also applies to any Author who has published with Inderscience in the past;
- Using the article in further research and in courses that the Author is teaching;
- Incorporating the article content in other works by the Author.

In all cases, acknowledgement in the form of a full citation must be given to the journal as the original source of publication, together with a link to the journal webpage and/or DOI as soon as they are available.

*Versions of a paper defined as

- **Author's Original** = Author's manuscript prior to peer review [often called a 'preprint']
- **Accepted Manuscript** = Accepted version of author's manuscript, accepted for publication, i.e. post-review, pre-typesetting. *We recommend retaining this version for future posting.*
- **Version of Record** = Publisher's version of finished article

Inderscience, as Publisher, reserves the right to refuse to publish your Article where its publication creates – or it reasonably believes may create – legal liability, or where circumstances come to light that were not known to the Editor, including prior publication of the whole or part of the Article, conflict of interest, manifest error, etc. Inderscience is the ultimate custodian of academic quality and integrity, and will ensure that this will be done only in exceptional circumstances and on reasonable grounds. In such circumstances the Article will be returned to the Author together with all rights in it.

Thank you for reading these notes. If you require more detailed information, go to Inderscience's web site. This assignment will enable Inderscience to ensure that the Article will reach the optimum readership.