

# **Principles of best scientific practice for publications in the Logistics Journal**

## **Preamble**

The editors and authors of the Logistics Journal undertake to adhere to the principles of best scientific practice. Best scientific practice means that scientists continuously check the methods and results of their scientific work with regard to their correctness. Furthermore, each scientist shall be faithful towards himself as well as towards the scientific and non-scientific community with regard to all scientific aspects.

## **The principles of best scientific practice**

With regard to the scientific activities and publications in the Logistics Journal these principles imply:

1. The recognition and observance of the principles of best scientific practice,
2. the work *lege artis*
3. the acceptance of the intellectual property of others,
4. the comprehensible description of the methods used,
5. the complete documentation of all data which have been found during the research and are relevant for the publication,
6. the effort to represent the research results in a comprehensible form,
7. the correct use of presentations or pictures,
8. the acceptance of third-party rights concerning: patented assignments or scientific findings, hypotheses, teachings or scientific approaches by abstaining from the unauthorized use under the pretense of authorship (plagiarism), the use of

scientific approaches and ideas of others (theft of ideas), especially as expert, under the pretense of scientific authorship or co-authorship, falsification of the contents or the unauthorized publication and disclosure to a third party prior to the publication of the assignment, finding, hypothesis, teaching or the scientific approach,

9. the claim of (co-)authorship of another person only with his/her agreement,
10. the use of data and arguments which do not back up own conclusions.

The authors of scientific publications shall be responsible for the contents. A so-called "honorary authorship" is not permitted.

Primary data as basis for publications shall be stored for ten years in the collecting institution on durable and secure storage media.

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