



PUB-102: SE Journal Editorial Policy – 29 January 2023

Purpose

This policy describes the purpose of “Systems Engineering – The Journal of the International Council on Systems Engineering” and the expected overall content, as well as the role of the publisher.

Applicability

This policy applies to prospective authors for the SE Journal and the reviewers and editorial board for this peer-reviewed journal. It also applies to INCOSE members and staff working with the publisher, John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Definitions

N/A.

Policy Content

This Journal exists to serve the goals of the International Council on Systems Engineering:

1. To provide a focal point for dissemination of systems engineering knowledge.
2. To promote collaboration in systems engineering education and research.
3. To assure the establishment of professional standards for integrity in the practice of systems engineering.
4. To improve the professional status of all persons engaged in the practice of systems engineering.
5. To encourage governmental and industrial support for research and educational programs that will improve the systems engineering process and its practice.

The Journal supports these goals by providing a continuing publication of peer-reviewed results from research and development in the area of systems engineering. Systems engineering is defined broadly in this context as “an interdisciplinary approach and means to enable the realization of successful systems.”

The Journal will accept and review submissions in English from any author, in any global locality, whether or not the author is an INCOSE member. Submissions will be reviewed by a body of peers, with potential author revisions as recommended by reviewers, with the intent to achieve published papers that:

- (a) Relate to the field of systems engineering, including systems thinking, systems design and the general application of a systems approach,



- (b) Represent new, previously unpublished work,
- (c) Advance the state of knowledge of the field,
- (d) Conform to a high standard of scholarly presentation.

Editorial selection of works for publication will be made based on the technical content, without regard to the stature of the authors. Selections will achieve a wide variety of works, recognizing and supporting the essential breadth of the field. Final selection shall rest with the Editor-in-Chief.

Publication of the Journal and selection of the Editor-in-Chief is governed by a contract between INCOSE and the publisher. The remainder of the Editorial Board is selected by the Editor-in-Chief, subject to approval of the President, President-Elect, and Director for Academic Matters.

Related Policies

None.

Related Procedures

N/A.

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