

Hindawi Limited partners with Publons to improve and speed up the peer review process

LONDON, March 12 2019: A new partnership to improve peer review processes is announced today by open access publisher Hindawi and Publons, a peer review platform and part of the Web of Science Group.

Hindawi have integrated the new reviewer search service, [Publons Reviewer Connect](#), with their peer review management systems, including [review.hindawi.com](#), their recently launched [open source peer review system](#). The integration will provide Hindawi's academic editors with the cross-publisher peer review and editorial history of Publons' 500,000+ strong reviewer community. This month, Reviewer Connect will be implemented across Hindawi's 231 peer-reviewed journals to support editors with accurate peer review suggestions.

Hindawi also plans to improve review speed and reduce reviewer workloads by integrating Publons' Reviewer Availability feature, identifying availability constraints at the time of invitation. Hindawi will work to bring about industry-wide improvements in review efficiency by providing availability data to Publons, where reviewers' privacy choices permit.

Andrew Smeall, Hindawi Chief Digital Officer, commented:

"We believe that publishing options should be driven by researcher satisfaction, rather than tradition. We are committed to working with tools that improve collaboration and reduce the burden publishing places on researchers.

"Publons Reviewer Connect will allow us to enhance our reviewer search capabilities, avoid burdening already overworked reviewers, and increase satisfaction for our Editors, authors and reviewers. We believe Publons' cross-publisher reviewer availability initiative will be a transformative collaboration bringing greater efficiency to peer review."

Andrew Preston, Managing Director, Publons, said:

"Our [Global State of Peer Review](#) report, sourced from a survey of over 12,000 reviewers and published in September, found reviewer availability to be one of the key inefficiencies in the peer review process. We believe we've identified a practical, scalable and immediate means of addressing this problem and are pleased to be partnering with Hindawi so their authors and reviewers can benefit. Improving peer review is our mission, and we hope to achieve this through connections with publishers, so we are proud of the interest our Publons Reviewer Connect has garnered so far."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Hindawi joins the many publishers worldwide already partnering with Publons. More than 70 publishers worldwide, collectively representing more than 30% of English-language research output are taking part to enable their peer reviewers to record, verify, and showcase their contributions to the peer review ecosystem.

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About Hindawi

Hindawi Limited is one of the world's largest open access publishers providing authors with an expansive portfolio of journals each built to fit the targeted communities they serve. Driven by a mission to advance openness in research, we work with other publishers and institutions to move towards a more open scholarly ecosystem by supporting the development of open source publishing infrastructure.

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About Publons

Publons works with researchers, publishers and research institutions to speed up science and research by harnessing the power of peer review. Publons Reviewer Recognition Service integrates with journals' review submission systems to offer researchers evidence of their previously-hidden review contributions. Publons, founded in 2013 and now part of Web of Science Group, has offices in Wellington, New Zealand and London, UK. For more information, please visit: publons.com.

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