

At its meeting on 15 March 2023, the JU Scientific Board approved the Position of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice on the publication of scientific results in the following wording:

Position of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice on the publication of scientific results

With full awareness and respect for academic freedoms, including the freedom to choose the journal for publication the Scientific Council of JU:

- Requests authors to take note of information about predatory journals when choosing a journal (e.g. https://www.lib.jcu.cz/cz/otevrena-veda/predatorske-casopisy*);
- Recommends that careful consideration be given to publishing in journals with repeatedly questioned quality peer-reviewed journals (e.g., the currently frequently cited MDPI, but also Frontiers publishing house);
- Points out that publications in such journals might not be included in the evaluation procedures (including intra-institutional evaluation procedures, evaluation of grant proposals or final grant reports, habilitation procedures or procedures for the appointment of professors) would be considered full-fledged publications (at many levels this is already the case);
- Recommends refraining from other forms of cooperation with such journals, including participation in peer review, membership of editorial boards, and preparation of special issues;
- Recommends that faculty not support APC fees in such journals from their budgets;
- Appeals to supervisors of doctoral students to familiarize themselves with the issue of Open Access journals, that prioritize quantity and speed of publication over quality and independence of peer review to make their students fully and impartially aware of the importance of peer review;
- Generally recommends publishing in a broad portfolio of journals belonging to a variety of long-term established publishers.

In České Budějovice, 15 March 2023

* The original link <https://www.lib.jcu.cz/cz/katalog-2/predatorske-casopisy> is no longer active, instead is the current link <https://www.lib.jcu.cz/cz/otevrena-veda/predatorske-casopisy>