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Professional or Predatory?: Distinguishing Legitimate from Illegitimate in an Era of Open Access

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The scope of the problem

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- Spam emails
- Solicitation of authors
- Rapid turnaround of papers
- Little to no peer review
- Deceptive APCs
- Loss of copyrights
- Hijacking journals
- Poor indexing
- “Pseudo” Conferences

Why is this happening?

- Open access models
  - Easy entry into publishing environment for unscrupulous publishers
- “Publish or Perish”
  - Academics who feel they have to publish at any cost

Why is it important?

- Explosion in number of articles published on the subject of predatory publishing
- 2015 study
  - 2014: 422,000 articles published in predatory journals
  - Represented $74 million in APCs

Why is it important?

- 2018 study
  - 5,000 German scientists alone have published in questionable journals
- Represents a massive waste of resources

Jeffrey Beall

- Beall's List of Potentially Predatory Journals & Publishers
  - 1,150
- Problems w/ list
  - Beall had sole responsibility for maintaining
  - Distrusted all open access models
  - Accusations of classism/racism
- List taken down 1/2017

If it looks too good to be true, it probably is

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Headquarters: Saarbrücken, Germany
Founder: Dr Wolfgang Philipp Müller
Founded: 2002
Number of employees: 70 (2007)
Area served: World
Key person: Thorsten Ohm

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Is this legitimate?

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Current Events

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Conference Address:
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About City & Hotel

Venice is a city in northeastern Italy and the capital of the Veneto region. It is situated across a group of 118 small islands that are separated by canals and linked by bridges, of which there are 400. The islands are located in the shallow Venetian Lagoon, an enclosed bay that lies between the mouths of the Po and the Piave Rivers. Parts of Venice are renowned for the beauty of their settings, their architecture, and artwork. The lagoon and a part of the city are listed as a World Heritage Site.

Venice is an important tourist destination for its celebrated art and architecture. The city gets up to 60,000 tourists per day (2017 estimate). Estimates as to the annual number of tourists vary from 22 million to 30 million. This creates overcrowding and environmental problems in its canal ecosystem. By 2017, UNESCO was considering the addition of Venice to its "In-Danger" list which includes historical ruins in war-torn countries. To reduce the number of visitors that are causing irreversible changes in Venice, the agency supports limiting the number of cruise ships as well as creating a full strategy for a more sustainable tourism. Tourism has been a major sector of Venetian industry since the 18th century, when it was a major center for the Grand Tour, with its beautiful cityscape, uniqueness, and rich musical and artistic cultural heritage. In the 19th century, it became a fashionable centre for the "rich and famous", often staying or dining at luxury establishments such as the Danieli Hotel and the Caffè Florian. It continued being a fashionable city in vogue right into the early 20th century

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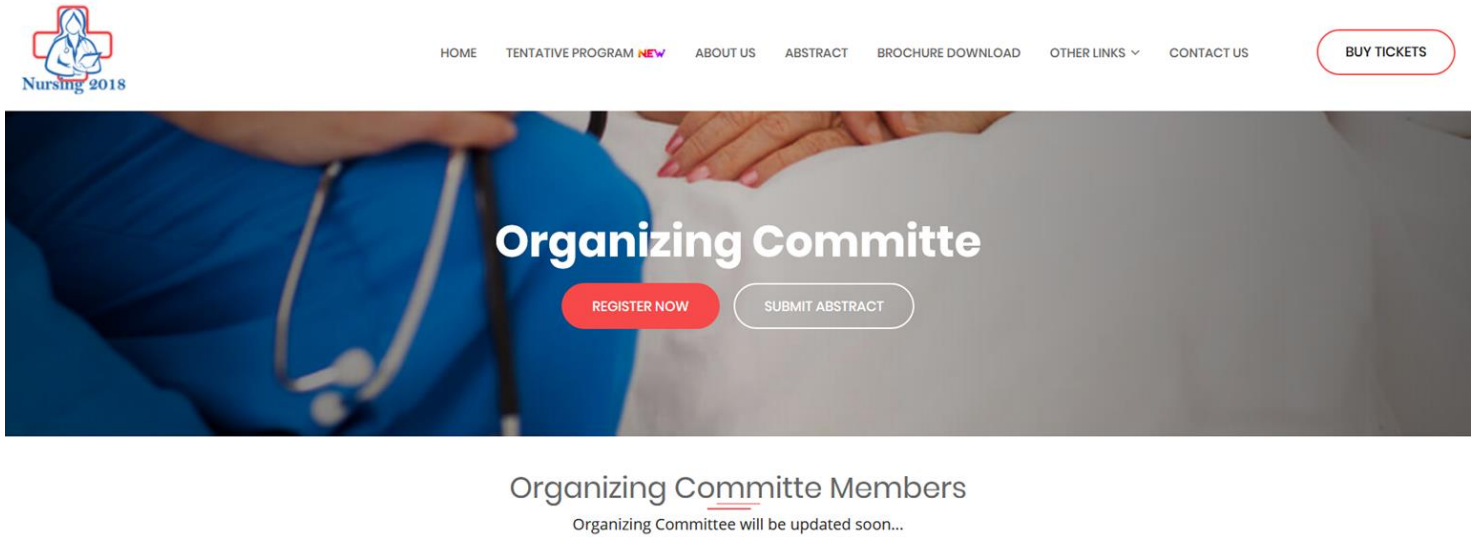

Red Flags

- Size of the venue
- Stacking of multiple conferences at one venue
- Many different conferences over the course of a few months
- OMICS, a known predatory company under investigation by the Federal Trade Commission, also has conferences running at the same time at the same venues in some cases

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Red Flags

- Sketchy program details
- No major sponsors
- The single sponsor has a spotty reputation
- No organizing committee
- All are first-time conferences
- Editorial process for acceptance is not well-defined

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Cabell's

Harzing's Publish or Perish

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- 'Questionable' instead of predatory
- Objective review
- Questionable publishing practices are not restricted to open access publishing

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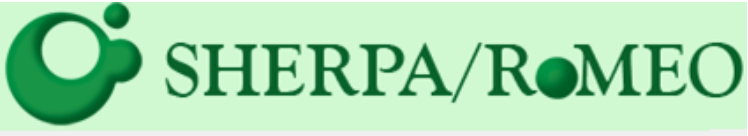

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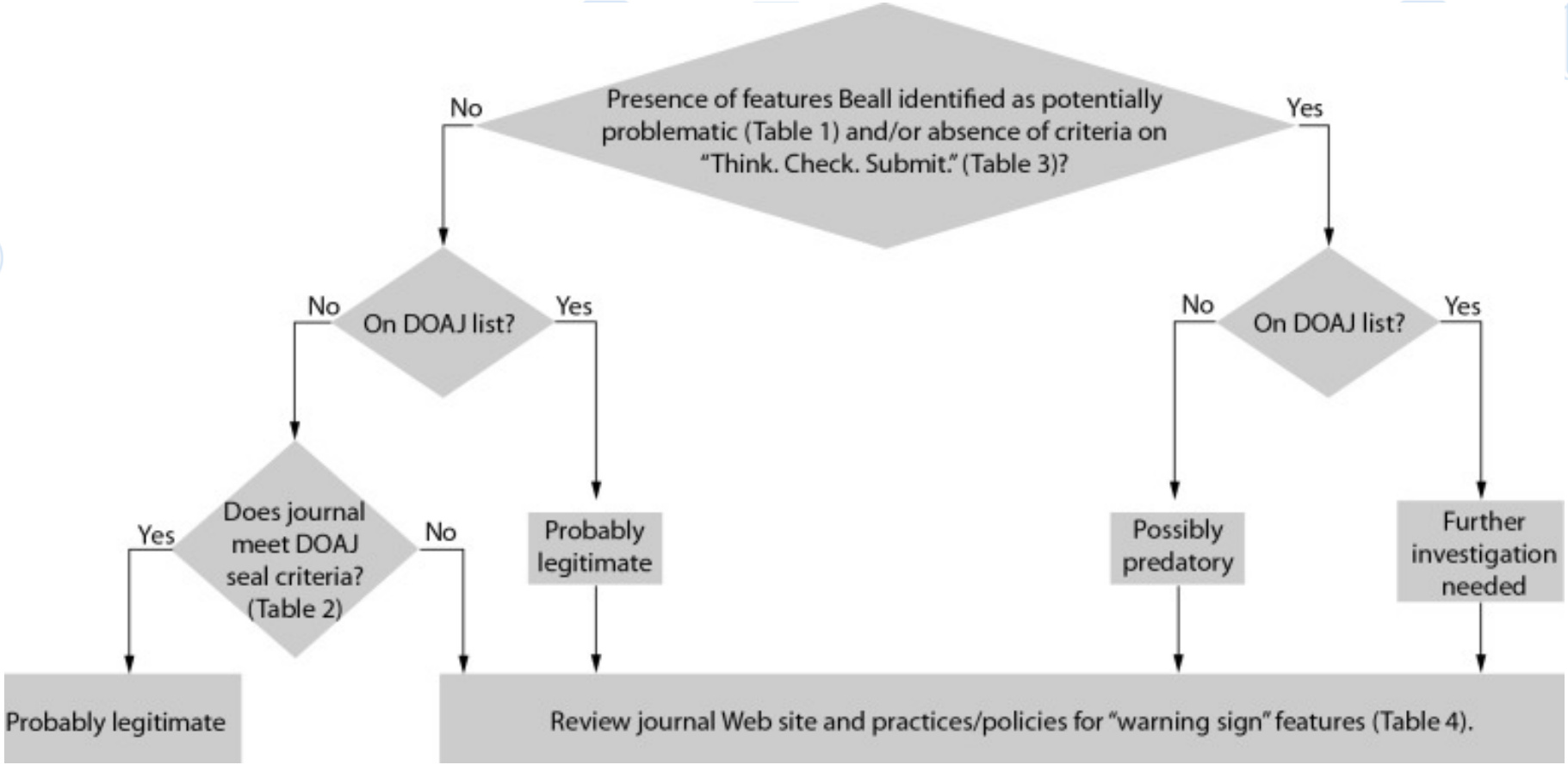

Predatory Journals Algorithm

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