

IMCS 2017- Ethical Norms, Plagiarism and Self-Plagiarism

IMCS Organising Committee enforces a strict non-plagiarism policy. IMCS does not accept self-plagiarized texts, due to the fact that academic research work is supposed to be original and thus should be published only once. Below we clarify plagiarism, self-plagiarism and ethical norms that are adopted by IMCS.

Plagiarism is the "*use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one's own original work*" as quoted in (Stepchyshyn and Nelson, 2007).

Plagiarism is a foundational principle of the international recognized Codes of Ethics. Plagiarism means that author(s) misrepresents ideas, words, computer codes and/or other creative expression as their own, is a clear violation of ethical principles.

Plagiarism can represent a violation of copyright law and plagiarism also manifests itself in a variety of following forms: verbatim copying, near-verbatim copying, or purposely paraphrasing portions of another author's paper; copying elements of another author's paper, such as equations or illustrations that are not common knowledge, or copying or purposely paraphrasing sentences without citing the source; and Verbatim copying of portions of another author's paper with citing but not clearly differentiating what text has been copied (e.g., not applying quotation marks correctly) and/or not citing the source correctly.

Self-plagiarism is a mild form of plagiarism that refers to publishing the same intellectual material more than once. It means the reuse of significant, identical, or nearly identical portions of one's own work without acknowledging that one is doing so or without citing the original work. The issue can be legal, in the case where copyright of the prior work has been transferred to another entity.

IMCS 2017 Organizing Committee explicitly asks the authors to avoid plagiarism and self-plagiarism. It is indicated in their submission guidelines, for example "*...Authors should submit an original paper,...*" The limited reuse of the authors' own texts is allowed, as long as the parts of the text that are reused are a small percentage of the whole text, and as long as these are clearly identified by referring to the original work (Stepchyshyn and Nelson, 2007).

Note that self-plagiarism does not apply to publications based on the author's own previously copyrighted work (e.g., appearing in a conference proceedings) where an explicit reference is made to the prior publication. Such reuse does not require quotation marks to delineate the reused text but does require that the source be cited.

It is the responsibility of each author to ensure that papers submitted to the IMCS 2017 Conference attain the highest ethical standards with respect to plagiarism and self-plagiarism.