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Submission of e‐books, and "Predatory" Publishers/Journals Dear colleagues

I trust you are all doing well.

Our Research Outputs Evaluation Panel met yesterday, 2 September 2014, to finalise the evaluation of the 2014 submissions (2013 publications). Several issues were discussed and decided upon. We also received advice on the following two issues, which some of you had queries on...

1. Regarding the submission of e‐books, particularly those that cannot be printed, the Panel emphasised that the DHET research output submission for subsidy accreditation is an evidence based process, and the onus is on universities to submit adequate evidence for all publication outputs that they wish to be considered for accreditation. While electronic evidence is accepted by the DHET as an alternative to physical evidence, all evidence in digital form must be self‐contained on a standard CD or USB memory device in a standard widely available viewing format, and cannot be in the form of web links that require the DHET staff to engage in further compilation. In the case of e‐books, where no physical book has been published, it is the responsibility of the submitting university to bundle the e‐book with the associated review evidence and submit it to the DHET. Where the digital version is electronically protected from being printed or downloaded to the device of an evaluator, or where special and unusual application software is needed to view the e‐book, it is the university and author’s responsibility to engaging with the publisher concerned to provide a physical or electronic version that the DHET panel is able to use in the assessment process.
2. Over the past few months, we have received an increasing number of complaints about Predatory Publishers/Journals/conference proceedings from research offices and academics themselves. The Panel shared with us the Beall’s list, which contains some of these predatory publishers. Kindly go to <http://scholarlyoa.com/2014/01/02/list>‐of‐predatory‐publishers‐2014/ to find out which publishers are listed. This list is updated annually.

Please feel free to email or call me should you require any clarity. Kind regards

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