

SCIRP and FNS Hall of Shame (11/25/14)

Contacts made to SCIRP/FNS and FNS Editorial Board members, with names, dates and other details like where they teach or work.

NOTE: None of the following e-mail messages were returned or bounced back so they all seem to be working e-mails, including all those board members who didn't respond. As such, they need to be accountable for their lack of concern about the research misconduct in their journal.

Initial SCIRP and FNS contacts:

1. October 30, 2014: I sent an e-mail sent thru main SCIRP site for research complaints per their instructions: **Formal complaints are handled in a systematic way. They have to be submitted to customer@scirp.org. The response was an offer to publish my work from Tian Huang for an undisclosed per-page price on 10/31/14.**
2. October 31, 2014: **I explained to Tian I wasn't trying to publish anything, but complain about a case of research misconduct. No further response.**
3. November 3, 2014: **I sent my complaint to fns@scirp.org to the FNS editor. No response, although on November 6, Tian again said I could send her the complaint and they would make corrections and publish it, stating:**

“The publication fee is \$100 per paper within 10 pages based on our template and we charge \$50 per extra page.” I gave up communicating with her at that time. There is NOT supposed to be a fee to publish a research misconduct complaint! She is apparently in the FNS editorial office. BTW, my final complaint is about 28 pages so that would be a nice fee for them of \$1,900!
4. November: **Several evening chat sessions (my time) with SCIRP staff in China, trying to find out who to send my complaint to. They told me to contact Tian Huang, saying she is in charge of that journal. She is the one I talked to already, saying I had to pay them to publish my info. I again explained I'm not trying to publish, just send a formal complaint based on the COPE research guidelines (publication and retraction). Those chats were useless!**
5. November 3, 2014: **Message about research problems (with full complaint) sent to FNS Editorial Board member, Dr. Jeffrey S. Hampl, Arizona State University, USA. No response.**
6. November 5, 2014: **Message about research misconduct sent to FNS Editorial board member, Professor Beau Greer. He responded and tried to help, saying he would pass my concerns to the Editor-in-chief. I sent him some links to the Peskin review and his retracted Hindawi review with some additional info. He said he also searched Peskin's work and he didn't think it looked credible. He also said he knew FNS was not a high-level journal. On**

November 7, he said he had no word from the Editor-in-Chief, Alessandra Bordoni. On November 11, he said still no response from Alessandra Bordoni. At least Beau tried to help and I don't have any complaints against him (he's one of only 2 who tried to help)!

7. November 6, 2014: Message about research misconduct sent to FNS Editorial Board member, Dr. Lauri O. Byerley, Louisiana State University, USA. No response.

8. November 11, 2014: Message about research misconduct sent to FNS Editorial Board member, Dr. Kimberly B. Heidal, East Carolina University, USA. No response.

9. November, 11, 2014: Message about research misconduct sent to FNS Editorial Board member, Dr. Jean-Claude Lavoie, University of Montreal, Canada. No response.

10. November 11, 2014: Message about research misconduct sent to FNS Editorial Board member Prof. Charles R. Santerre, Purdue University and USDA. He responded on November 12, saying he could not offer any help.

11. November 11, 2014: Message sent to FNS Editorial Board member, Dr. Vicki L. Schlegel, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA. She responded so I sent her some initial info. I also sent her my full debunking and complaint on Nov. 11. She said she had received some other complaints about the journal and would forward my info to the Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor. She created her own letter of concern and sent it to Alessandra on Sunday, 12/16/14. She said she finds the stonewalling unacceptable. She said unless there is communication about the issue, she would resign. Like Beau, I appreciate Vicki's attempts to help, and I have no complaints about her!

12. November 12, 2014: Message about research misconduct sent to FNS Editorial Board member Dr. Geeta Sikand, University of California, USA. She responded on November 12, saying she was not on their board, and that she never sent in the paperwork to be involved. I sent her a link so she could see her name. Her name was removed by November 14, so FNS can move quickly when they want to.

13. November 12, 2014: Message about research misconduct sent to FNS Editorial Board member Dr. Heidi J. Silver, Vanderbilt University, USA. No response.

14. November 14, 2014: Message sent to FNS Editor-in-Chief, Alessandra Bordoni, and included the whole complaint. No response until Vickie sent her e-mail on November 16. Alessandra responded on November 17, about 3 weeks after I started trying to reach people there. We exchanged several messages. Instead of investigating the issue, she bowed to SCIRP pressure to allow Peskin to resubmit his reviews (I'm guessing so SCIRP can collect more money), and they would use my complaint as a reference. She said Peskin would be allowed to respond/rebut my complaint and I could also respond to that. This is simply not done! It's up to them to retract his junk reviews.

I've provided about 45-50 pages of debunking content for them to review. Alessandra finished her last e-mail saying they would again be willing to publish my info, in a clear

attempt to appeal to my ego and no doubt, bring in a few thousand more in cash! I was so disgusted by their cheap theatrics (I don't need them to publish anything and wouldn't publish with them anyway), I sped up my blog post by a week (where this list will be added), sending Alessandra a link to the post where this list will be placed. No further response from Alessandra Bordoni. My sense is that Alessandra lacks the curiosity, independent thinking and judgment to be the Editor-in-chief. What a bunch of misfits! Based on all the incompetence I've seen, they have no business being in scientific publishing!

Overall, these SCIRP and FND Editorial Board members were notified of research misconduct and fraud in their journal. It's obvious they have little concern about integrity in science or doing anything about the corruption and exploitation that is exemplified by the practices of SCIRP and FNS:

Some additional observations about the corruption at SCIRP:

This first quote is from the science writer Posted by [Martin Rundkvist](#) (see first link below):

Now, what is this really about? Why is SCIRP cranking out all of these fly-by-night fringe journals that anybody can read for free? The feeling across the web is that it's most likely a scam utilising a new source of income: the "author pays" model built into bona fide Open Access publishing. A kinder way to put it would be that SCIRP is a pseudo-academic vanity press.

<http://scienceblogs.com/aardvarchaeology/2012/04/12/scam-publisher-fools-swedish-c/>

Another telling quote is from Jeffrey Beall, who tracks predatory, pay-to-play journals (see link below, citations removed to avoid confusion):

The company [SCIRP] has been included in a list of questionable open access publishers according to [Jeffrey Beall's](#) criteria. Beall states that "This publisher exists for two reasons. First, it exists to exploit the [author-pays](#) Open Access model to generate revenue, and second, it serves as an easy place for foreign (chiefly Chinese) authors to publish overseas and increase their academic status." He acknowledges that its fees are relatively low, describing this as "a strategy that increases article submissions," and that "it has attracted some quality article submissions. Nevertheless, it is really a vanity press."

*Further controversy was generated by a mass resignation of the [editorial board](#) of one of the company's journals, *Advances in Anthropology*, in 2014. According to the former editor-in-chief, [Fatimah Jackson](#), it was motivated by failures to include the editorial board in the journal's review process, and by "consistent and flagrant unethical breaches by the editorial staff in China", for whom publishing the journal "was only about making money." According to Beall, this was the first mass-resignation from an open-access journal.*

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific_Research_Publishing

<http://academia.stackexchange.com/questions/2919/experiences-with-scientific-research-publishing-scirp-journals>

<http://scholarlyoa.com/2014/07/31/is-scientific-research-publishing-scirp-publishing-pseudo-science/>

<https://sites.google.com/site/fakeresearchjournalpublishers/>

<http://fakeconferences.blogspot.com/2012/04/those-fake-ieee-conference-of-scirp.html>

<http://possibleexperience.blogspot.com/2012/04/continuing-adventures-in-fake-academic.html>

See this article link for any updates to this ridiculous situation:

<http://www.endsicknessnow.com/more-peskin-fish-tales>