

PROVISION
about the reviewing of scientific articles in
„Moldavian Journal of International Law and International Relations”

1. Scientific papers received to the Editorial office of „Moldavian Journal of International Law and International Relations”, pass through peer review process.

„Moldavian Journal of International Law and International Relations” comprises a four-level system of peer review articles:

1st level – reviewing by the editor (main editor peer review);

2nd level – an open peer review (the author and the reviewer know each other) – a review is submitted to the editor by the author;

3rd level – one-sided i.e. „blind” peer review (single-blind - the reviewer knows the author, but the author - doesn't know the reviewer);

4th level – double-blind peer review (neither reviewer nor author know about each other).

2. Each scientific article must be accompanied by a review:

– Open: 1st level – a review (conclusion) of the editor; 2nd level – a review of official reviewer, specialist of appropriate scientific profile (doctorate or PhD);

– Closed (blind): 3rd level – a review done by a scientific editor or a member of the editorial board; 4th level - a review done by the decision of the editorial board and only external.

3. All scientific articles, received by the Editorial Board of our journal are subject to mandatory review by bilateral double-blind („double-blind” - the reviewer does not know who the author of the article is, the author does not know who the reviewer is). This review is carried out by external experts from the expert database of experts (reviewers), at the request of the Editorial Board.

4. An editorial board, making the evaluation of reviews, draws attention to the relevance of the scientific problem to be solved by the author. The Review should clearly describe the theoretical or applied significance of the study; correlate the author's conclusions to existing scientific concepts. An essential element of the review should be the assessment a personal contribution to the solution of the issue by the reviewer. Correspondence to the style, logics and the availability of the narration to the scientific nature of the material and obtaining of the conclusions about the reliability and validity of the findings – are key aspects that must be noted in the review.

5. The issue about the received articles is considered after the obtaining of reviews, and then the final decision, based on the evaluation of reviews about the publication or refusal to publish articles, is made. On the basis of the decision the author (s) is sent a letter by e-mail or mail, which provides a general assessment of the article and the decision. In the case of failure in the publication, the reviewers remain anonymous.

6. The Editorial Board has the right to direct the article for additional external anonymous peer review. Editor in Chief directs the reviewer a letter asking for peer review. The letter includes an article and a recommended form of review.

7. The presence of positive reviews is not sufficient grounds for the publication of the article. The final decision on advisability of publication is taken by the editorial board.

8. In cases when the article is composed by a significant proportion of criticisms that have been made by the reviewer, as well as the overall positive recommendation, the Editorial Board can attribute the material to the category of polemical material and print it in the manner of scientific debate.

9. The Review originals are stored in „Moldavian Journal of International Law and International Relations”.