



Policy: Journal Relationship

1. Categories of engagement

There are two categories of relationships that IMIA will engage with journals that are not IMIA owned (like the Yearbook): “IMIA Official Journal” and “IMIA Endorsed Journal”.

In addition, IMIA will engage with journals on endorsement of special issues as “IMIA Endorsed Issue”.

2. Number of Journals

IMIA will limit the number of IMIA Official Journals to not exceed FIVE journals.

There is a limit of TEN for the number of IMIA Endorsed Journals.

There is no limit for the number of IMIA Endorsed Issues.

3. Engagement Type Description

A. IMIA Official Journal

In order to be recognized as an IMIA Official Journal, the following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The candidate journal's scope must focus on the Medical Informatics field
2. The candidate journal must have been published for a period of at least two years
3. The candidate journal should be indexed in Medline or the editor must provide the IMIA General Assembly with substantial documentation of the quality of publication. Quality can be demonstrated by citation evidence or personal opinion of experts within the IMIA community
4. The candidate journals needs to be complementary to the existing IMIA Official Journals
5. The candidate journal's editor must submit a formal application to the IMIA board no later than nine months before a meeting of the IMIA General Assembly for recognition of the journal as an IMIA Official Journal. The application should include a scope description of the candidate journal, a description of how this journal is complimentary to existing IMIA Official Journals, and 5 or more (not to exceed 10) selected publications from the journal to allow IMIA General Assembly members to judge the quality of the publication
6. The application must be supported by letters from two voting IMIA General Assembly members

7. The editors of existing IMIA Official Journals must be informed by the IMIA CEO of the pending application six weeks prior to an IMIA General Assembly vote, to provide them with the opportunity to respond with any concerns or objections

8. The IMIA General Assembly must, upon recommendation from the board, vote in favour of including the journal as an Official IMIA publication

9. The IMIA General Assembly may at any time vote to discontinue the journal's status as an Official IMIA publication

Once a journal has been voted to be an IMIA Official Journal, it may carry the by-line "IMIA Official Journal" as well as the IMIA logo in its masthead and title page.

The designation of "IMIA Official Journal" does NOT imply any financial support or obligation of IMIA to the journal.

Official journals are obligated to publish from time to time official IMIA documents (not to exceed two per year). Requests from the IMIA Board to publish an official manuscript must adhere to the following standards:

- Fast turnaround
- Free to IMIA (e.g. without article processing fees)
- Immediate open access
- IMIA copyright (not the respective publisher)

B. IMIA Endorsed Journal

In order to be recognized as an IMIA Endorsed Journal, the following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The candidate journal's scope must focus on the Medical Informatics field
2. The candidate journal's editor must submit a formal application to the IMIA board no later than nine months before a meeting of the IMIA General Assembly for recognition of the journal as an IMIA Endorsed Journal. The application should include a scope description of the candidate journal and 5 or more (not to exceed 10) selected publications from the journal to allow IMIA General Assembly members to judge the quality of the publication
3. The application must be supported by letters from two voting IMIA General Assembly members
4. The IMIA General Assembly must, upon recommendation from the board, vote in favour of including the journal as an IMIA Endorsed publication.
5. The IMIA General Assembly may at any time vote to discontinue the journal's status as an IMIA Endorsed publication

Once a journal has been voted to be an IMIA Endorsed Journal, it may carry the by-line "IMIA Endorsed Journal" as well as the IMIA logo in its masthead and title page.

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C. IMIA Endorsed Issue

In order to be recognized as an IMIA Endorsed Issue, the following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. The issues' scope must focus on the Medical Informatics field and the issue must be focused on an IMIA event or a working group activity.
2. The candidate journal's editor must submit a formal application to the IMIA board no later than nine months before a meeting of the IMIA General Assembly including a scope description of the candidate issue and a written endorsement by an IMIA Board Member or of the Working Group chair.
3. The application must be supported by letters from two voting IMIA General Assembly members
4. The IMIA General Assembly must vote in favour of including the issue as an IMIA Endorsed issue.

Once an issue has been voted to be an IMIA Endorsed Issue, it may carry the by-line "IMIA Endorsed Issue" as well as the IMIA logo in its masthead and title page.

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