**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FACULTY: CHECKING IF AN OPEN-ACCESS JOURNAL OR CONFERENCE IS LEGITIMATE OR PREDATORY**

(*Note: This is not a comprehensive list guaranteeing the validity of an Open Access journal or academic conference. This list provides tips to consider when faculty are evaluating prospective outlets for their scholarly work*.)

- Is the exhortation for a review article or part of a curated special issue? Well respected faculty do receive legitimate requests for these types of submissions, but this is no guarantee of legitimacy.

- Is the email from a colleague? Talk to them via phone or an alternate method other than email to ensure they are the one involved, and not someone posing as them.

- Is the journal associated with your primary professional society or a reputable general/federated society? Did you get to the journal homepage directly from that society?  Although uncommon, note that some societies' websites have been hijacked.

- Does the journal guarantee fast turn-around time on reviews? Fast editorial decisions, especially redirection or rejection (sadly) is generally to be expected, but a fast timeline for reviews or turnaround to publication is often a bad sign.

- If you want to publish open access, stick to organizations such as PLOS, eLife, or the open versions of legitimate journals such as Science Advances, Scientific Reports, Nature Communications, Physical Review X, and others considered the standard bearers for ethical scholarly literature.