IGI Publication Agreement

This is a contract between IGI Global (hereinafter called “The Publisher”), of Hershey, Pennsylvania, the copyright holder of the International Journal of Hyperconnectivity and the Internet of Things and Maurice Dawson appointed editor-in-chief of the above named journal (hereinafter called “Editor-in-Chief”). The responsibilities of each party to this contract are summarized below.

Editor in Chief Responsibilities include:

- Selecting the members of the Editorial Review Board (30-50) from both academia and industry
- Selecting Associate Editors (7-10) to support your work as editor in chief
- Acknowledging the receipt of submitted manuscripts in a timely manner
- Recruiting book reviews and other reviews
- Using e-Editorial Discovery™ the IGI Global Journal Submission System for tracking and managing the journal review process
- Coordinating and monitoring the blind review process of manuscripts
- Corresponding with authors for revisions and rewrites
- Providing authors of accepted manuscripts with "Guidelines for Preparing Accepted Manuscripts" provided by IGI Global, and enforcing the concept to authors that the final paper they submit must be in publishable form, i.e., copyedited and proofed. Other than minor grammatical, typographical, spelling, and reference-list corrections, major changes such as moving and/or deleting paragraphs, sections, etc., will NOT be permitted during the author proofing stage.
- Selecting manuscripts for inclusion in issues of the Journal; each issue must have a minimum of four articles, with a total word count of 25,000-40,000 words
- Notifying authors regarding acceptance or rejection decisions
- Assisting in obtaining copyright agreement from the authors of accepted manuscripts
- Assisting in providing the Publisher with electronic versions by email of the materials selected for each issue on or before the deadline set by the Publisher.
- Assisting Publisher in the promotion of the Journal among academics, industry practitioners, and university/college libraries.
- Posting the table of contents and paper abstracts of each issue of the journal on different listservs (e.g. ISWorld, IRMA-L, etc.)
- Identifying special theme issues for publication (cannot have more than 1 special issue per year without the written permission of the IGI Global Development Editor)

Publisher’s Responsibilities Include:

- Promoting the Journal among academics, industry practitioners, and university/college libraries.
- Setting, securing, and maintaining subscriptions for the Journal
- Preparing promotional materials for the Journal
- Selecting advertisements for inclusion in the Journal
- Preparing layout and typesetting of each issue
- Arranging to have the Journal printed
- Mailing the Journal to subscribers
- Posting the electronic version of the journal on the IGI-secured website for electronic subscribers
- Providing the authors of the manuscripts a typeset copy for the purpose of proofing and final approval prior to publication of each issue.
- Providing 3 free copies of each issue to the editor
- Providing each author of a published manuscript in the Journal with a pdf of the author’s paper.

The following paragraphs provide details for carrying out the interests of each party to this contract.
Assignment of Rights

1. All rights, title and interest, including copyrights, of all materials that appear in the Journal are assigned to the Publisher. Journal will be published at Publisher’s own expense, under the Publisher’s name or any other name Publisher in its sole discretion elects.

Journal Delivery from Editor in Chief to Publisher

2. The Editor in Chief will deliver all copy in electronic format in Word (a pdf copy of each article that includes equations and symbols shall also be provided to IGI Global in addition to the Word version). Also, the Editor in Chief will inform the Publisher of the order in which the selected papers will appear in the issue, the names, addresses, and e-mail addresses of each author/co-author and a signed IGI Author Warranty and Transfer of Copyright form for each paper. The publication schedule is as follows:

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Journal Editorial Staff

3. The Publisher reserves the right to appoint a managing editor, copy editor, and other editorial staff to manage all administrative activities of the journal at the Publisher's site.

Publishing Details

4. Editor in Chief is obligated to have every manuscript selected for inclusion in the Journal undergo a double-blind review by at least 3 members of the Editorial Review Board and 1 Associate Editor before a publication decision may be made. At any time, the Publisher may audit the review results by asking the Editor in Chief to provide the review evaluation forms for any journal article accepted for publication.

5. The Publisher will have the right to edit the work for content or space considerations, provided the meaning of the text is not materially altered.

6. The Publisher agrees to furnish the Editor with 3 copies of each issue of the Journal free of charge for personal and promotional use by the Editor in Chief.

7. When the Publisher decides that the public demand for this Journal no longer economically warrants its continued manufacture, the Publisher may discontinue publication without liability to the Editor in Chief.

8. The Publisher reserves the right to make editorial and policy changes, editorial appointments, discontinue publication, increase subscription rate or any other changes regarding the publication of this Journal.

9. The Publisher reserves the right to discontinue the terms of this contract for non-fulfillment of Editor in Chief’s Responsibilities as listed on page 1 of this contract. Likewise, Editor in Chief may petition Publisher for release from this contract for non-fulfillment of Publisher's responsibilities as listed on page 1 of this contract.

10. In the event of removal or resignation of the Editor in Chief for any reason, the Editor in Chief must transfer all materials that were received as a result of the Call for Papers issued in conjunction with this journal to an IGI Global representative.

Miscellaneous

11. This Contract, whenever called upon to be construed, shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

12. The parties to this Agreement consent and agree that all legal proceedings relating to the subject matter of this Agreement shall be maintained in the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, or if applicable, the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and all parties hereto consent and agree that jurisdiction and venue for such proceedings shall lie exclusively within said Courts.
13. This Contract represents the entire understanding between parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and this Agreement supersedes all previous representations, understandings of agreements, oral or written, between the parties with respect to subject matter hereof and cannot be modified except by a written instrument signed by the parties hereto.

14. This Contract shall be binding upon the parties, hereto, their heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives.

15. The Editor in Chief is appointed to this Journal for a term of three years upon the signing of this document by both parties. This contract may be renewed at the expiration of the initial term upon agreement of both parties, unless written notice is provided by either party regarding the renewal interest six months prior to the expiration of this contract.

**CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

1. Editor in Chief is requested to encourage the members of his editorial board to recommend the journal to their libraries.

2. Editor in Chief must understand that in order for the journal to be a strong influence in its area, the process of manuscript recruitment should be a continuing task for the editor.

3. Editor in Chief will be responsible to check that all accepted submissions are sent to him in the proper format, including:
   - Reference citations and reference listings at the end of the submitted paper follow the APA style guide.
   - Electronic copies of accepted papers are submitted in Word or RTF. \LaTeX\ files are not compatible with the Publishers typesetting application.
   - Figures may be embedded, but must also be submitted electronically in tif format of at least 300 dpi.
   - Final paper submitted must be in publishable form, i.e., copyedited and proofed by the author, with no grammatical or typographical errors.

4. Editor in Chief will assemble all materials for each issue, including paper, electronic copy of paper, signed author warranty forms, author bios, and author/co-authors emails and mailing addresses, and forward the materials for each issue to IGI Global for production of that issue.

5. Editor in Chief will use e-Editorial Discovery™, the IGI Global Journal Submission System for the management of the paper review for this journal.

6. Upon publication of each issue of the journal, the marketing department of IGI Global will forward the Editor a formatted announcement of the contents of the current issue. The Editor in Chief will be responsible to post this announcement on IS-World and IRMA-L listservs

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After adhering the final signature of this document by IGI Global, a copy will be sent to the editor as named above.