

COPE HISTORY TIMELINE

1997

1997-2003

COPE founded by Mike Farthing (Gut), Richard Smith (BMJ) and Richard Horton (The Lancet) in April 1997

Constitution written

Richard Smith:

"[COPE] may not prove useful in the long term, and we will be delighted if it is made unnecessary because the international profession produces an adequate response to research misconduct"



90 Members

COPE Founders

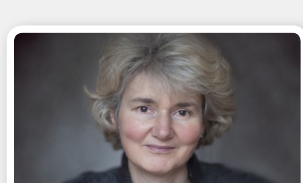


- 1st meeting, April 1997
- Michael Farthing (Gut), Richard Smith (BMJ), Richard Horton (The Lancet), with editors from British Journal of Anaesthesia, Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, Annals of Rheumatic Diseases, Journal of Clinical Pathology.

2003-2006



Fiona Godlee becomes Chair



Code of conduct for editors published
Authorship guidelines published
Member survey



350 Members



2006-2009



Harvey Markovitch becomes Chair

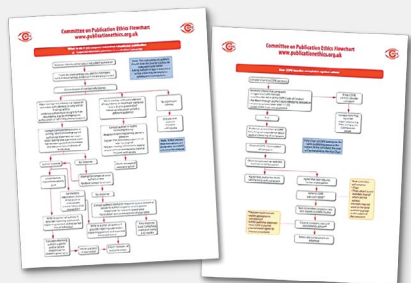
COPE becomes a charity

Flowcharts published

Some publishers sign up all the journals



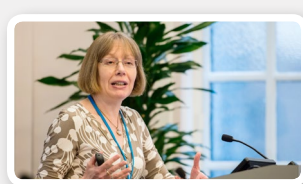
3000+ Members



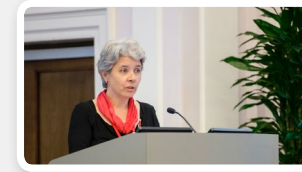
2009-2012



Liz Wager becomes Chair



1st USA seminar
1st Australasian and Middle East seminars
eLearning course published
Retraction guidelines published
Code of conduct revised
Publishers code of conduct published
1st discussion document published (on Plagiarism)
1st COPE staff member
1st newsletter, **Ethical Editing**, published



2012-2017



Ginny Barbour becomes Chair

Awarded the **Council of Science Editors** meritorious award

1st South American seminar

1st European seminar outside London

Website redesigned

Start of the university membership pilot scheme

Guidelines on cooperation between research institutions and journals published

Review of Code of conduct and best practice guidelines for journal editors

Ethical guidelines for peer reviewers



1st version of Principles of transparency for scholarly publishing
Authorship discussion document
Sharing of information among EiCs discussion document
COPE Digest launched
1st formal strategic plan
Member survey
Growth in COPE team members



2017-2019



Chris Graf & Geri Pearson become Co-Chairs



Code of conduct retired and replaced with Core practices
COPE Journal audit reviewed and updated to tie in with COPE's Core practices
3rd version of Principles of transparency and best practice in scholarly publishing
Spanish and Chinese translations of key COPE guidance
Infographics first published
Growth in COPE Council and team members

1st China seminar
Workshop with Russell Group members and COPE members
COPE joins the programme committee of the **World Conference on Research Integrity**
COPE materials redesigned and a clear brand style developed
COPE's 20th anniversary European seminar



2019 ONWARDS



Deborah Poff becomes Chair

New strategic plan

Universities to be accepted as members (by 2021)

More than 600 cases available on the COPE website

Arts, humanities, and social sciences research of publication ethics needs

COPE has a prominent role at the **World Conference on Research Integrity**

Launch of refreshed and updated website

Predatory publishing discussion document published

DOIs assigned to all key COPE resources



2020