

Conflict of interest form for council

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Conflicts of interest (COI) arise where there is a divergence between an individual's responsibilities to COPE Council and their other interests, such that an individual's motives might be compromised, or perceived to be compromised. COIs are important since Council members' opinions and actions must be, and be seen to be, impartial. COI of all council members are collected on election and annually thereafter.

COI include, but are not limited to, the following. Council members are required to disclose any of the following:

All relevant **financial relationships** with commercial interests (entities producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing goods or services) in any amount as well as the nature of the relationship (personal or immediate family) within the past 5 years, eg;

Was a full-time employee of Edanz Group Ltd (for-profit publication support service company), April 2015 to January 2018

Grant/research support: NONE

Consultancies: From January 2018, education consultant for Edanz Group Ltd (for-profit publication support service company) and writing/editing consultant for the University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (not-for-profit educational institutions)

Membership of speakers' bureaux: NONE

Patent ownership: NONE

Membership of scientific advisory board: NONE

Membership of board of directors: NONE

Stock shareholding (directly purchased): NONE

Other financial support (eg, honoraria, travel grants, gift, royalties) (please specify):

In 2017, Edanz Group Ltd, Wiley Japan, Crossref, and COPE paid or part-paid for economy flights/accommodation for conference presentations made on behalf of COPE or COPE seminars/meetings

Any **non-financial relationships/affiliations** relevant to COPE (please specify):

Ordinary member of World Association of Medical Editors; Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors

(Other ordinary memberships in past 5 years that may be relevant to research/publishing

ethics: American Association for the Advancement of Science; Council of Science Editors; Institute of Scientific and Technical Communicators; American Copy Editors Society; Royal Society of Biology; Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine Public Relations Association; Public Relations and Communications Association)

Further information

Charity Commission

http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity_requirements_guidance/charity_governance/good_governance/conflicts.aspx

While COIs will be reviewed annually, they must also be specifically declared at the beginning of each Council or Forum meeting or before participation in any complaints processes. COIs are posted on COPE's website.