

## 1 Predatory Journal - IJCSI

My investigation results on the journal are discussed briefly in the next subsections. There are substantial amount of evidences which make a strong case for being a predatory journal.

### 1.1 Missing ISSN

The Journal [1] ISSN (print) is not registered. The ISSN (online) is registered as print ISSN as per ISSN checking portal [2]. Also, obtaining ISSN is free in Mauritius, where the journal is being operated. Figure 1 shows the online ISSN check and it seems to have print medium registration. Figure 2 shows the print ISSN is not registered. Figure 3 shows that, getting an ISSN in Mauritius is free. Therefore, it is very easy for someone in that country to operate predatory journals.

The screenshot displays the ISSN Portal interface. At the top, the logo for the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) and the ISSN Portal are visible. Below the logo is a navigation bar with four main sections: PUBLISHERS' AREA, DISCOVER ISSN SERVICES, SEARCH OPEN ACCESS RESOURCES, and KEEPERS REGISTRY. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a sidebar with 'Identifiers' and 'Links' sections. The 'Identifiers' section shows the ISSN: 1694-0784 and the Linking ISSN (ISSN-L): 1694-0784. The 'Links' section lists search engines: Google, Bing, Yahoo, and CROSSREF. The right column displays the search results for the ISSN 1694-0784. The main heading is 'Key-title International Journal of computer science issues'. Below this, there are two expandable sections: 'Resource information' and 'Record information'. The 'Resource information' section shows the title proper: International Journal of computer science issues, Country: Mauritius, and Medium: Print. The 'Record information' section shows the last modification date: 03/08/2009, Type of record: Confirmed, and ISSN Center responsible of the record: ISSN National Centre for Mauritius.

**Fig. 1.** Online ISSN check

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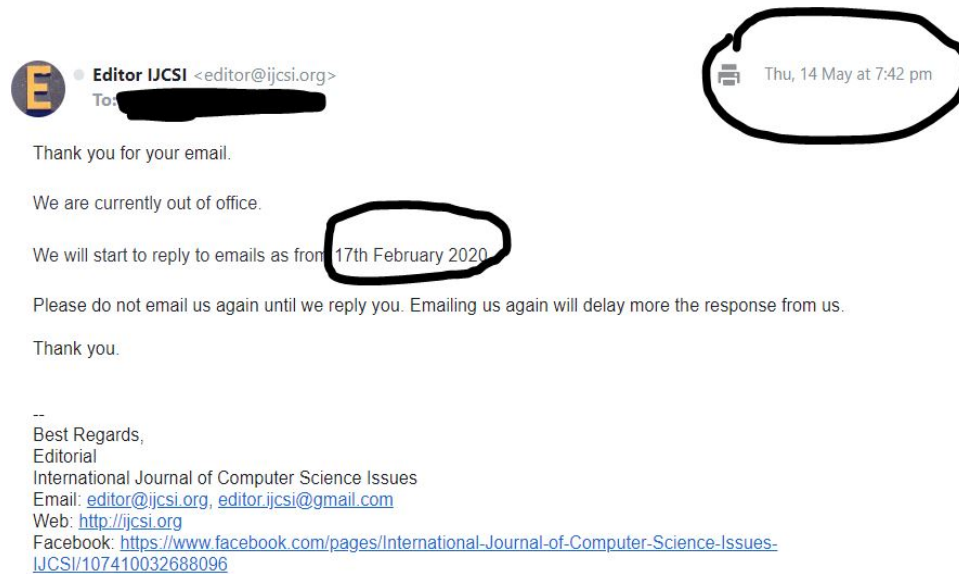
**Fig. 2.** Print ISSN check

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| <p><b>How to obtain an ISSN?</b></p> <p><b>The assignment of ISSN is free in Mauritius.</b> Publishers or editors should complete the ISSN Application Form (which can be downloaded from our website <a href="http://national-library.gov.mu">http://national-library.gov.mu</a>) and send it to the National Library either by mail, fax or e-mail, together with a representation or copy of the serial.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ For <b>forthcoming print serials</b>, the publisher should provide a copy of cover or title page and a copy of editorial page.</li> <li>➤ For an <b>already published serial</b>, a copy of latest issue and a copy of cover or title page and a copy of editorial page should be enclosed.</li> <li>➤ For <b>online serials</b>, the appropriate URL and a copy of the homepage should accompany the ISSN Application Form.</li> </ul> <p>All requests for ISSN are normally processed within <b>five working days</b> provided the ISSN Application Form has been properly filled in.</p> | <p><b>How many ISSN does one need?</b></p> <p>You will require a separate ISSN if your serial is published in different:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Language,</li> <li>2. Region or</li> <li>3. Format (online, print, CD-ROM).</li> </ol> <p><b>Where to print or display the ISSN?</b></p> <p>The ISSN should be printed on all issues of a serial and should always be preceded by the letters ISSN. Eg. ISSN 1694-0393</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ For a <b>print publication</b>, the ISSN should be shown preferably in the upper right corner of the cover. However, the ISSN can also be printed in other prominent positions such as title page, editorial page and back cover.</li> <li>➤ For a <b>publication in electronic media</b>, the ISSN should be shown on the homepage, title screen or main menu, if it is an online publication.</li> <li>➤ For <b>non-print serial published on physical medium</b> such as CD-ROM,</li> </ul> | <p><b>Contact details</b></p> <p><b>Address</b></p> <p>National Library of Mauritius<br/>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Fon Sing Building<br/>12, Edith Cavell Street<br/>Port Louis<br/>Mauritius.</p> <p><b>TEL NO.:</b> (230) 211 9891/96</p> <p><b>FAX NO.:</b> (230) 210 7173 / 210 7117</p> <p><b>WEBSITE :</b> <a href="http://national-library.gov.mu">http://national-library.gov.mu</a></p> <p><b>EMAIL :</b> <a href="mailto:natlib@intnet.mu">natlib@intnet.mu</a></p> <p><b>OPENING HOURS</b></p> <p>Weekdays – 09.00 a.m – 16.00 hrs<br/>Saturdays – 09.00 a.m – Noon<br/>Sundays &amp; Public Holidays – Closed</p> |
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**Fig. 3.** ISSN application in Mauritius

## 1.2 Fake Managing Editor

There are no legitimate contact details and emails are not replied. There is an automated response, shown in Figure 4. The managing editor does not exist. Google search finds nothing about the imaginary managing editor! Figure 5 shows the managing editor's name and affiliation, however, google search could not find anything about the editor in the affiliated institution.



**Fig. 4.** Automated Reply, out of office!



**Fig. 5.** Fake Managing Editor

### **1.3 Fake Editor-in-Chief**

The chief editor cannot be traced even after rigorous google search. Also, not found in the affiliated institution. Figure 6 shows the chief editor's name and affiliation followed by search results which yield nothing about the personnel. It is unacceptable and fraudulent activity.

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Fig. 6. Fake Editor-in-Chief

## 1.4 IJCSI Paper Submission and Acceptance - No Peer Review

There are no peer reviews and the acceptance is provided without peer review in 15 days. Also asked for fees by a certain date. The submission process is not standard as shown in Figure 7.

IJCSI Paper Submission Form

Recommended Browser: [FireFox](#), [Google Chrome](#)

**NOTICE:** After you submit the form below, you will receive an email in a couple of minutes.  
In case you do not receive the email, **DO NOT RESUBMIT** your paper using this form, or if you have problems to submit the paper, please contact us at [info@ijcsi.org](mailto:info@ijcsi.org). Thank you.

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| <p>How many papers published by IJCSI did you cite in this paper? *</p> <input type="text"/> |  |

**Fig. 7.** IJCSI Submission Process

### **1.5 Personal Account for Registration Fees**


Upon investigating the account name where fees needs to be sent seems also suspicious. The Google scholar profile is found for that person, however, the homepage takes no where and the affiliated institution does not have the person listed as shown in Figure 8.



**Fee Payment to IJCSI (Bank Wire Transfer Payment Details):**

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| <b>Name of Account:</b>  | <b>VUNKA JUNGUM N. (IJCSI)</b>   |
| <b>Bank Name:</b>        | <b>The Mauritius Commercial Bank Ltd</b>   |
| <b>Local Account No:</b> | <b>000042440661</b>  |
| <b>IBAN:</b>             | <b>MU13MCBL0904000002440661000MUR</b>  |
| <b>Swift Code:</b>       | <b>MCBLMUMU</b>  |
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**Fig. 8.** IJCSI Registration Fees and Concerned Account

## 1.6 Fake Impact Factor

The claimed impact factor is not based on acceptable sources and have the dubious value with no update in last few years! It is very clear in Figure 9.

The journal Impact Factor is currently evaluated at **0.242**. Though being a young journal, IJCSI has during these last two-years prove how Open Access can impact research. For comparison purposes, we have listed below some journals from Elsevier and Springer (all of them are already covered by Thomson Reuters) to position IJCSI.

| Journal Name  | Impact Factor | Publisher    |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Computers & Graphics                                    | 0.787         | Elsevier     |
| Journal of Systems Architecture                         | 0.722         | Elsevier     |
| Engineering with Computers                              | 0.704         | Springer     |
| Journal of Computer Science and Technology              | 0.632         | Springer     |
| Multimedia Tools and Applications                       | 0.626         | Springer     |
| Computer Languages, Systems and Structures              | 0.619         | Elsevier     |
| <b>International Journal of Computer Science Issues</b> | <b>0.242</b>  | <b>IJCSI</b> |
| Artificial Intelligence Review                          | 0.057         | Springer     |

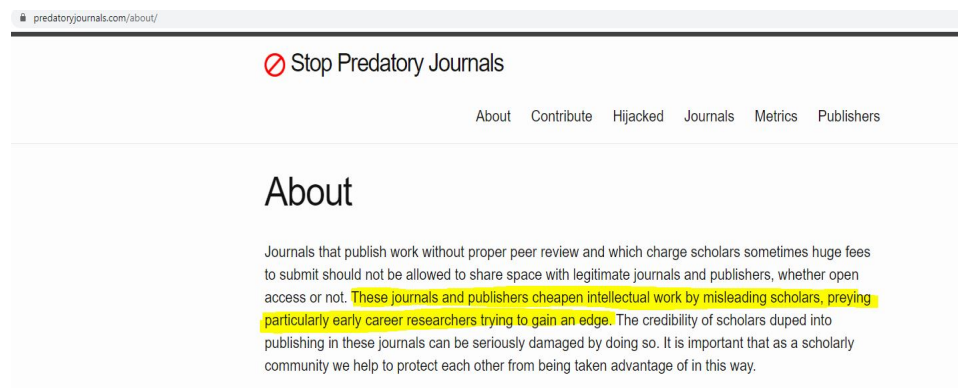
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Currently IJCSI is not covered by Thomson Reuters (ISI) yet. But the journal is working hard to get ISI-index as soon as possible. Normally, a journal needs to publish for atleast 3-4 years (sometimes more) before being covered by Thomson Reuters.

**Fig. 9.** IJCSI Impact Factor

## 1.7 Identified in Predatory Journals List

Listed as predatory journal in [3, 4]. These lists are widely accepted by the research community. Also, it is clear that, these predatory journals create damage to the reputation of early career researchers (Shown in Figure 10).



**Fig. 10.** Predatory Journals

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