

Policy on Concurrent Pre-Prints

In academic publishing, a pre-print is a version of a scientific paper that precedes formal peer review and publication in a peer-reviewed journal or conference in an online archive. Common examples include *arXiv*, *bioRxiv*, among others. Pre-prints are often non-typeset and made freely available. To maintain the integrity and originality of the research presented at IRCOBI, the Editorial Committee establishes the following policy with respect to pre-prints and concurrently submitted papers:

1. **Originality Requirement:** To be consistent with the publishing code of ethics found in the IRCOBI copyright agreement, all papers submitted to the conference must be original and not previously published or under consideration for publication elsewhere. This includes pre-print servers.
2. **Role of Scientific Review Committee:** IRCOBI's review process is handled by the elected members of the Scientific Review Committee and Council. This ensures that the work presented at IRCOBI has been reviewed by leading injury biomechanics experts.
3. **Concurrent Submission Prohibition:** Authors are prohibited from submitting their papers to pre-print servers or any other publication platforms concurrently with their submission to the conference. This ensures that the work presented at the conference is novel and exclusive.
4. **Disclosure of Prior Submissions:** Authors must disclose any prior submissions of their work to pre-print servers or other conferences/journals to IRCOBI at the time of submission.
5. **Post-Conference Publication:** All accepted papers and short communications are made available through IRCOBI's website. Authors should refer to the IRCOBI copyright agreement when considering post-conference publication of their work. Pre-prints and/or publication in scientific journals are permitted following the IRCOBI conference each year. Authors should note that IRCOBI full papers are considered peer-reviewed publications within our community and further publication may not be permitted by journal editors. Authors are advised to consult each journal's requirements for more information.
6. **Compliance:** The Council, its Editorial, and Scientific Review Committee members will actively monitor compliance with this policy. Violations may result in rejection of the paper during the review process, or withdrawal of the paper from the conference proceedings (if it is determined that the policy was violated after paper acceptance).

By adhering to this policy, we aim to foster a culture of originality and high-quality research within the IRCOBI community.

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