

**Federative International Committee for Scientific Publications (FICSP) of the
International Federation of Associations of Anatomists**

FIVE-YEARLY REPORT (2019-2024)

Mission: The mission of the FICSP is to promote the quality of content of publications in the fields of anatomy worldwide. Publishing activities in the anatomical sciences will be strengthened by encouraging communication, collaboration, and sharing of resources among the journals, through a forum for Editors of the official journals of the Associations to communicate and exchange information of mutual interest and concern.

According to our mission and five-year strategic plan, FICSP report for 2019-2024 is as follows:

1. Membership Expansion:

FICSP has expanded its membership to include more member societies, growing from 14 members in 2019 to 22 members in 2024. New members from Russia, Africa, Japan, Italy, India, and Poland have joined FICSP.

2. Discussions on Recommendations and New Ideas:

Conducted via Zoom and e-mail correspondences to enhance the quality of publication content, focusing on publication ethics, based on recent papers/documents including:

- Acknowledgement of the use of human cadavers in research papers (Iwanaga et al., 2021).
- IFAA's guidelines on the use of cadavers during the pandemic (IFAA Statement on COVID-19).
- IFAA recommendations for the ethical use of anatomical images (Cornwall et al., 2023).
- Recommendations for Good Practice Around Human Tissue Image Acquisition and Use in Anatomy Education and Research' (2023).
- Responsible research in anatomy: Attributes relevant to body donors and human tissues sourced from them (Ghosh and Walocha, 2024).

3. Contributions to PLEXUS:

Information and links for FICSP webinars, documents for the latest issues of FICSP journals, and links to abstracts from anatomy meetings in 2020.

4. Webinars:

FICSP hosted four webinars on publishing in anatomy journals, on Zoom, open to all members of the anatomy scientific community. These events were pre-registered, with over 600 anatomists registering for some webinars. Recordings of these webinars were uploaded and are available on the IFAA website.

- Publishing about Anatomical Variations – Prof. Valéria Paula Sassoli Fazan and Prof. Fabrice Duparc
- Writing an Original Research Article: Pitfalls and Problems – Prof. Jose Ramon Sanudo Tejero and Prof. Kumar Satish Ravi
- Research and Publishing in Radiological Anatomy – Prof. Veronica Macchi
- Data Integrity and Ethical Publishing Behavior in the Anatomical Sciences – Prof. Heather F. Smith

5. Symposiums and Events:

- **XX. IFAA Congress in Istanbul 2022:**

- **Symposium:** Ethical Considerations in the Publication of Anatomy Manuscripts, featuring presentations:
 - The Ethicality of Publishing Anatomical Research: Perspectives from an Author, Reviewer, and Editor – Prof. Shane R. Tubbs
 - Data Integrity and Ethical Publishing Behavior in the Anatomical Sciences – Prof. Heather F. Smith
 - Ethical Aspects in Publishing Experimental Animal Research – Prof. Gulgun Sengul

- **XXI. IFAA Congress in Korea 2024:**

- **Symposium:** Mastering Manuscript Writing in Anatomy Journals: Best Practices and Pitfalls, featuring presentations:
 - Effective Literature Review Strategies in Anatomy Manuscripts: Synthesizing Past and Present Knowledge – Prof. Friedrich Paulsen
 - The Role of Anatomical Variations in Publications – Prof. Fabrice Duparc
 - Statistical Methods and Terminological Verification in Anatomy Research – Prof. Sergey Dydykin
 - Publication Ethics: Role and Responsibility of Authors – Prof. Kumar Satish Ravi

- **Meet the Editors Event:** Profs. Friedrich Paulsen, Fabrice Duparc, Yuriy Vasiliev, Sergey Dydykin, Vishram Singh, and Kumar Satish Ravi

6. Discussions on Guidelines and Ethical Considerations:

Discussion on including guidelines in anatomical journals regarding the specification of the origin of unclaimed bodies with FICEM Chair Prof. Andreas Winkelmann during an online meeting. This topic, along with the document titled 'Recommendations for good practice around human tissue image acquisition and use in anatomy education and research' (developed by The Federative International Committee for Ethics in the Medical Humanities (FICEM) for the IFAA), have been shared with FICSP members, and a discussion forum has been initiated recently.