

# REPOSITORY POLICY

## *Pollution and Diseases — International Scientific Journal*

<https://pollution-diseases.org>

The *Pollution and Diseases* Repository is an official component of the journal designed to preserve, curate, and disseminate scientific materials that hold significant historical, methodological, or contemporary value. This policy outlines the criteria, responsibilities, and procedures governing all repository submissions.

### **1. Purpose of the Repository**

The repository supports the journal's mission by:

- preserving historically important texts related to pollution, disease, and environmental sciences;
- providing open access to archival scientific works with contemporary relevance;
- enabling scholars to engage with long-term environmental and epidemiological datasets;
- preventing loss of scientific materials due to scarcity, fragility, or inaccessibility;
- integrating historical evidence into modern scientific dialogue.

The repository operates as a scholarly resource complementing the journal's primary publications.

### **2. Types of Materials Accepted**

The repository accepts the following categories:

#### **2.1. Historical Scientific Texts**

Examples include:

- rare books and monographs,
- archival field notes,
- classical studies on pollution or diseases,
- foundational epidemiological descriptions,
- 19th–20th century scientific works of high relevance.

#### **2.2. Reprinted Editions of Historical Documents**

Edited reissues of previously published works accompanied by:

- a scholarly introduction,
- contextual analysis,
- references to contemporary relevance.

#### **2.3. Archival Data**

Digitized:

- datasets,
- maps,
- tables,
- laboratory logs,
- ecological or medical records.

#### **2.4. Commentaries and Analytical Essays**

Contemporary expert analyses that interpret or contextualize historical materials.

#### **2.5. Translations of Historical Materials**

Translations must:

- preserve original meaning,
- include translator notes,
- cite the original publication.

#### **2.6. Supplementary Primary Sources**

Such as:

- photographs,
- diagrams,
- field sketches,
- early cartographic materials.

### 3. Submission Requirements

All repository submissions must include:

- title of the original work;
- author(s) and publication date;
- scanned or digitized materials (where applicable);
- declaration of copyright status (critical);
- scholarly introduction (min. 800–1500 words);
- references supporting relevance.

Submissions undergo editorial assessment and may receive external peer evaluation when necessary.

### 4. Copyright and Permissions

#### 4.1. Public Domain Materials

Historical works in the public domain may be reproduced freely.

However, proper attribution is still required.

#### 4.2. Copyrighted Materials

If the original work is still under copyright:

- authors must obtain permission from copyright holders;
- documentation of permission must be provided;
- the repository may publish only if permission is secured.

#### 4.3. CC BY Licensing

All repository materials published by the journal are released under **CC BY 4.0**, unless legally restricted.

### 5. Ethical Use of Archival Materials

The journal follows **COPE guidance** to ensure ethical replication and representation of archival content.

Repository submissions must:

- respect original wording and meaning;
- avoid selective or misleading presentation;
- include warnings if the historical text contains outdated or harmful terminology;
- contextualize obsolete scientific concepts appropriately.

### 6. Review and Editorial Evaluation

Repository submissions undergo:

#### 6.1. Editorial Review

Editors evaluate:

- historical significance,
- scientific relevance,
- accuracy of reproduction,
- clarity of contemporary commentary,
- compliance with copyright laws.

#### 6.2. Peer Review (When Appropriate)

Complex or scientifically sensitive materials may undergo external peer review.

Reviewers assess:

- contextual accuracy,
- scholarly interpretation,
- value for contemporary research.

### 7. Metadata and Indexing

Every repository entry is assigned:

- a CrossRef DOI,
- complete bibliographic metadata,
- licensing information,
- descriptive abstract,
- keywords.

Repository materials are indexed and searchable through:

- the journal website,
- metadata services,
- research discovery platforms.

## **8. Digital Preservation**

All repository entries are preserved through:

- LOCKSS/CLOCKSS,
- PKP Preservation Network (when applicable),
- redundant server backups,
- archiving in stable file formats (PDF/A, TIFF, XML).

Materials remain permanently accessible.

## **9. Presentation Format**

Repository materials are published in:

- standardized PDF format,
- accompanied by a scholarly introduction,
- accurate facsimile or digital reproduction,
- clear labeling of historical and editorial content.

All figures or scans must be legible and of archival quality.

## **10. Transparency and Documentation**

Repository entries include:

- full bibliographic reference of the original;
- date and source of the digital scan;
- responsible editor or contributor;
- details on reproduction quality;
- any editorial emendations noted explicitly.

## **11. Withdrawal, Retraction, or Correction**

Historical materials are rarely retracted unless:

- copyright violations occur,
- ethical concerns arise,
- reproduction errors are discovered.

Corrections follow the journal's **Retraction & Correction Policy**.

## **12. Access and Use**

All repository materials:

- are open access,
- may be cited as scholarly sources,
- may be reused under CC BY 4.0 unless otherwise indicated.

Users must cite both:

1. the original historical work,
2. the repository edition.

## **Conclusion**

The *Pollution and Diseases* Repository serves as a bridge between the scientific past and present, ensuring that valuable historical materials remain accessible, contextualized, and integrated into contemporary research. These policies reinforce the journal's commitment to preservation, transparency, and open knowledge.