

Discontinuation of the Special Issue in *Informatica*

Dear colleagues,

The Editorial Board of *Informatica* announces that the Special Issue titled “Intelligent Knowledge Reasoning in AI and Machine Learning Techniques for Financial Fraud Detection and Risk Assessment” **has been discontinued**.

This decision was made following substantiated concerns about possible irregularities in the guest-editing process, including suspected identity misuse and improper external communication with potential authors.

Our decision aims solely to protect the integrity of the scientific process, the journal and its contributors, in full accordance with COPE best practices and publication ethics.

Until the ongoing internal and, if required, external investigation is concluded:

- No manuscripts have been accepted under this Special Issue.
- No submission or publication fees have been charged.
- All corresponding authors will be contacted individually regarding the next steps — either
 - (a) withdrawal of their submission, or
 - (b) transfer to *Informatica*’s regular editorial workflow, which is supervised by independent editors under the standard double-blind peer review process. Please note that, given the extraordinary volume, it will not be feasible to process all manuscripts within reasonable timeframes. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.Updates will be shared on this page as the process progresses.

Sincerely,
Prof. Dr. Matjaž Gams
Editorial-in-Chief
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