#### **PUBLISHING POLICY**

# of the scientific and practical journal "The Bulletin of Izhevsk State Agricultural Academy" and ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLICATIONS

The editorial board of the scientific and practical journal "The Bulletin of Izhevsk State Agricultural Academy" (hereinafter referred to as the Editorial Board) maintains a certain level of requirements for the selection and acceptance of articles submitted to the Editorial Board of the journal. These norms are determined by the scientific directions of the journal and the international standards for the quality of scientific papers and their presentation, adopted in the academic community.

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