

## Call for Papers – Win an AWARD

### Environmental and Health Equity

The [International Journal of Public Health](#) (Impact Factor 2016: 2.3) invites original articles and systematic reviews relevant to the topic of the [EcoHealth Conference](#) 15-18 August, 2018 in Cali, Colombia, the conference of the [International Association for Ecology and Health](#).

Editors: Fabian Mendez, Irene Velez-Torres (Universidad del Valle, Cali) and Martine Vrijheid (Institute for Global Health, Barcelona).

After rigorous peer review, successful articles will be published online first by the time the conference opens.

The best of all papers receives the "IJPH Best Paper Award", consisting of 1) US\$ 500 and 2) permanent free access publication of the article.

With this Call, we want to invite for peer review high-quality articles about Environmental and Health Equity. Equity is a fundamental principle and practice that helps in understanding and mediating human-nature interactions that influence people and ecosystem health. From clean-water access to food sovereignty, from climate-change vulnerability to differential effects of pollution, and from fair access to ecosystem services to health-services access to social justice, all societies across the world confront the issue of equity. We are interested to receive original research articles and systematic reviews that analyse problems of environmental and health equity and justice. Potential contributions include, but are not limited to

- Healthy food and clean water
- Climate impacts, pollution, ecosystems and health
- Building peace with health equity and environmental justice
- Alternatives to contribute to equity, including biocentrism, ecofeminism and "bien-vivir".

For details about the schedule and procedures, please see the next page.

We look forward to your submission!

Fabian Mendez, Irene Velez-Torres, Martine Vrijheid

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## SUBMISSION, SCHEDULE, PEER REVIEW

All of IJPH's instructions for authors and double blind peer-review rules apply (see [IJPH website](#)).

**Request for pre-decision:** First, please email a request for pre-decision with subject line IJPH\_Call\_EcoHealth to IJPH (anke.berger@ispm.unibe.ch) as soon as possible or **by September 13, 2017.**

Essential elements of the request are:

- the article type (Original Article or systematic Review) and tentative title
- the key authors and their institutions
- an Abstract (structured in Objectives, Methods, Results, Conclusions)
- a brief rationale why your article is timely and relevant for the special issue "Environmental and Health Equity"

Based on this information, the editors of the Call will select suitable manuscripts.

**Submission of the full manuscript:** Upon invitation, please submit online to IJPH as soon as possible, but no later than **December 15, 2017**, and mention in the comments to the editor that the manuscript is for the Call, and inform about the completed submission (email to anke.berger@ispm.unibe.ch).

Proposals and submissions are only eligible if authors keep all IJPH article types and format requests, and meet the deadlines. Extensions of deadlines are not possible.

**We recommend submitting the request for pre-decision and the full manuscript well before the due date.** IJPH will process manuscripts submitted after December 15, 2017 like regular submissions.

All deadlines:

E-mail request for pre-decision	As soon as possible, no later than Sep 13, 2017
Online submission of full manuscript	As soon as possible, no later than Dec 15, 2017
Online submission of the finally revised manuscript	As soon as possible, no later than Jun 14, 2018

After double blind peer review, several revisions covering comments of two to three reviewers may be required before acceptance. **We will allow only three weeks for author revisions**, and revised versions must reflect all requests. Please make sure that you are available for revisions and – in case of acceptance – for requests from the publisher and for proof reading. If you are unable to provide an accepted final version before June 14, 2018, we may still consider your article for publication in the special issue, but it will not qualify for the IJPH Best Paper Award.

## AWARD RULES

The editors of the Call will select four articles for the award competition. The award winner will be the first author of the article and will be determined through anonymous online voting based on the article titles and abstracts (author blinded). Registered participants of the EcoHealth conference, reviewers of the Call, authors and IJPH editors will be invited to vote.

We will notify the award winner via email and publish all accepted articles online first early in August, 2018, before the conference starts. We will announce and feature the winner and her/his article on the conference website and at the conference. The prize (US\$500) will be given directly to the first author at the conference in Cali (no bank transfers). If the first author cannot attend the conference, she/he may delegate a co-author to receive the money. The winner should inform the IJPH office by August 08, 2018, latest that a co-author has agreed to accept the money. If no co-author attends the conference, the award will be reduced to permanent free access publication of the winner article.

There are no restrictions on the use of the monetary award.

Please note: IJPH neither handles nor covers registration fees nor organizes travel, accommodation, or visa for winners.

For questions, please contact the IJPH editorial office ([anke.berger@ispm.unibe.ch](mailto:anke.berger@ispm.unibe.ch))