

## Ethics in CP

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We have been alerted to the fact that a recent newspaper article which discussed a controversial topic in climate science, recently referred to Climate of the Past. While we were pleased to see that our new journal gains attention, we were concerned that the article speculated about the identity of an anonymous peer reviewer. We would therefore like to reiterate that, while public interactive comments have to be signed, peer reviewers in CP/CPD are entitled to be anonymous. Only the editor of the paper and the Chief Editors have access to the name of a reviewer, and they will not reveal it when anonymity has been chosen. We have no influence over the speculations of journalists, but naturally consider it unhelpful to the scientific process, especially if such speculation is used to question the motives of fellow-scientists. We would ask all editors, reviewers and authors to consider this, and to be especially careful if they have contact with journalists about a paper that is still in the interactive discussion phase of the journal.