

Highlights from 13th EASE Conference, Strasbourg

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European Association of Science Editors (EASE)

- Professional organization of science editors and communicators
- Founded in 1982
- Approximately 450 members from around the world (not only Europe!)
- Conference every two years
- 13th Conference: June 10-12 in Strasbourg

Core Theme

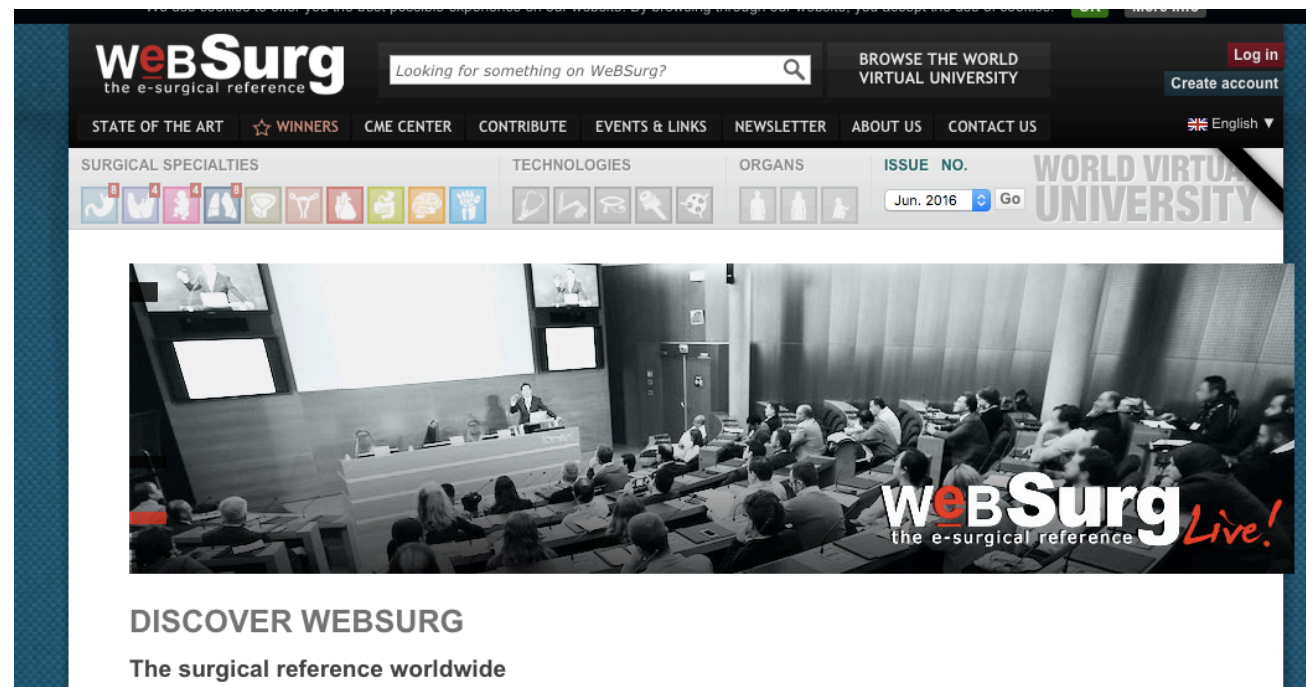
Scientific Integrity: Editors on the front line

- Reliability and reproducibility of published results has been questioned in the last decade. All disciplines are concerned, from biomedicine to sociology.
- Increased number of retractions for fraud. We don't know if this reflects a true rise in the amount of misconduct or just better detection of misconduct.
- Efforts to improve the reproducibility and reliability of research will require the cooperation of researchers, funders, research institutions, professional bodies, publishers and editors.

Journals and editors have been accused of not maintaining sufficiently rigorous standards and processes: we must respond as we are on the front line.

Highlights: Opening Talk

Luc Soler (IRCAD, France) explained how advances in technology were bringing about a revolution in minimally invasive surgery using augmented reality.



Plenary Lecture: *Selective publication and the replicability crisis* by Lex Bouter, Vrije University, Amsterdam



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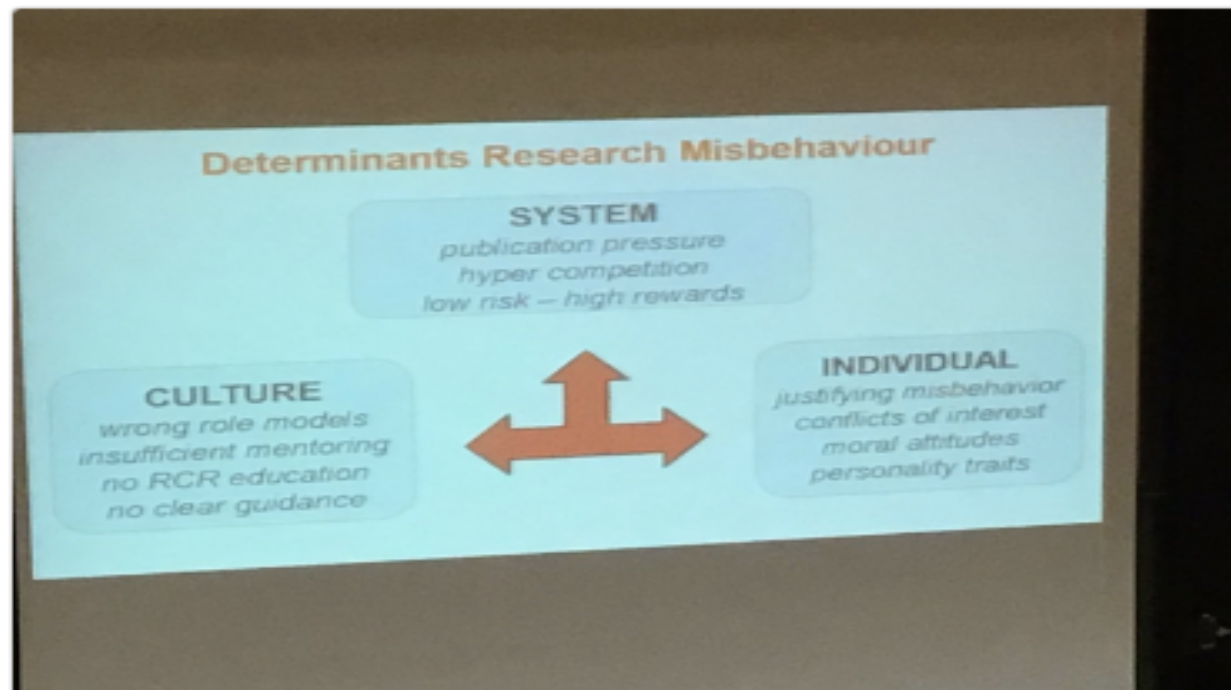
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Plenary Lecture

Key messages:

- Known cases of fraud are tip of iceberg. But sloppy science is much more common and therefore more important than fraud.
- Inadequate mentoring contributes to scientific misconduct.
- Publication pressure linked to cutting corners as well as dissatisfaction + burn out of scientists
- We need more transparency and to re-think the awards system

Issues

- Plagiarism – sloppy science or dishonest intention?
- Research waste
- Bias towards English language
- Gender bias
- Knowing author rights

Muddying the waters



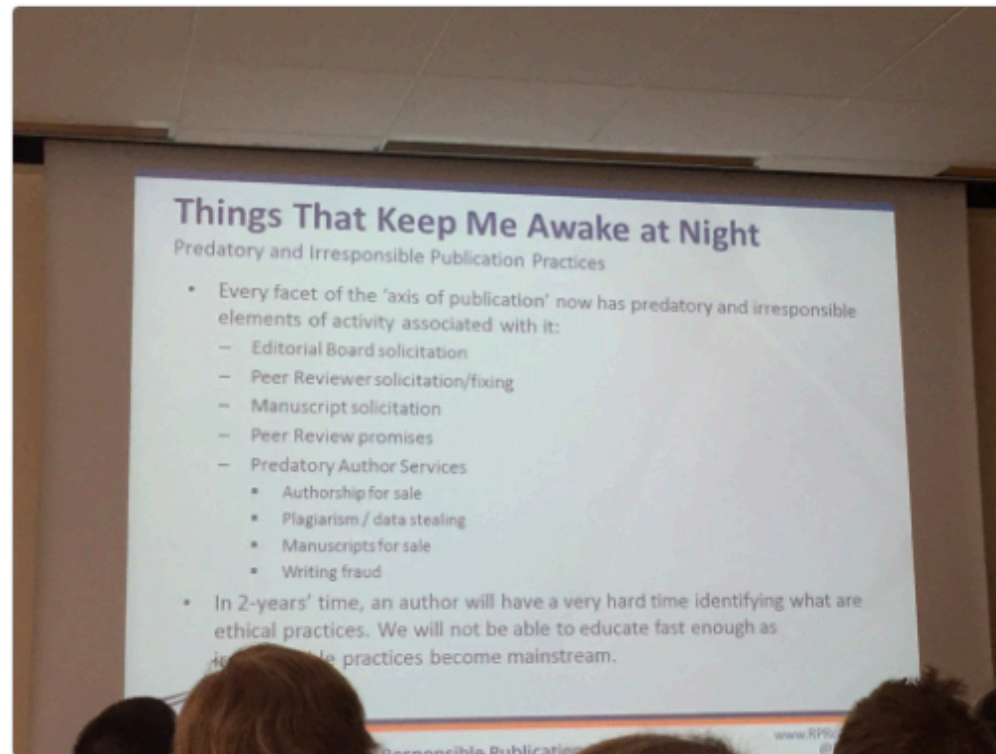
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Tools & Resources

- Screening tools
- Understanding and supporting the role of technical and managing editors
- Education & help for editors
 - COPE
 - Assistance from publishers
 - Reviewer training
 - Certification for editors?
- Coalition for Responsible Publication Resources



Guidelines

- Use of guidelines and standards (and how to implement these)
 - The CoBRA guidelines for citation of bioresources
 - How can SAGER guidelines contribute to sex and gender equity in research?
 - Institute of Gender Health 's training modules to improve reviewer's ability to assess sex and gender in publications
 - Five years of EASE Guidelines (2010–2015): promoting complete, readable, and ethical publications
- When guidelines do not seem to help: how to manage difficult cases
- Post-publication peer review (<https://pubpeer.com/>)

Conclusions

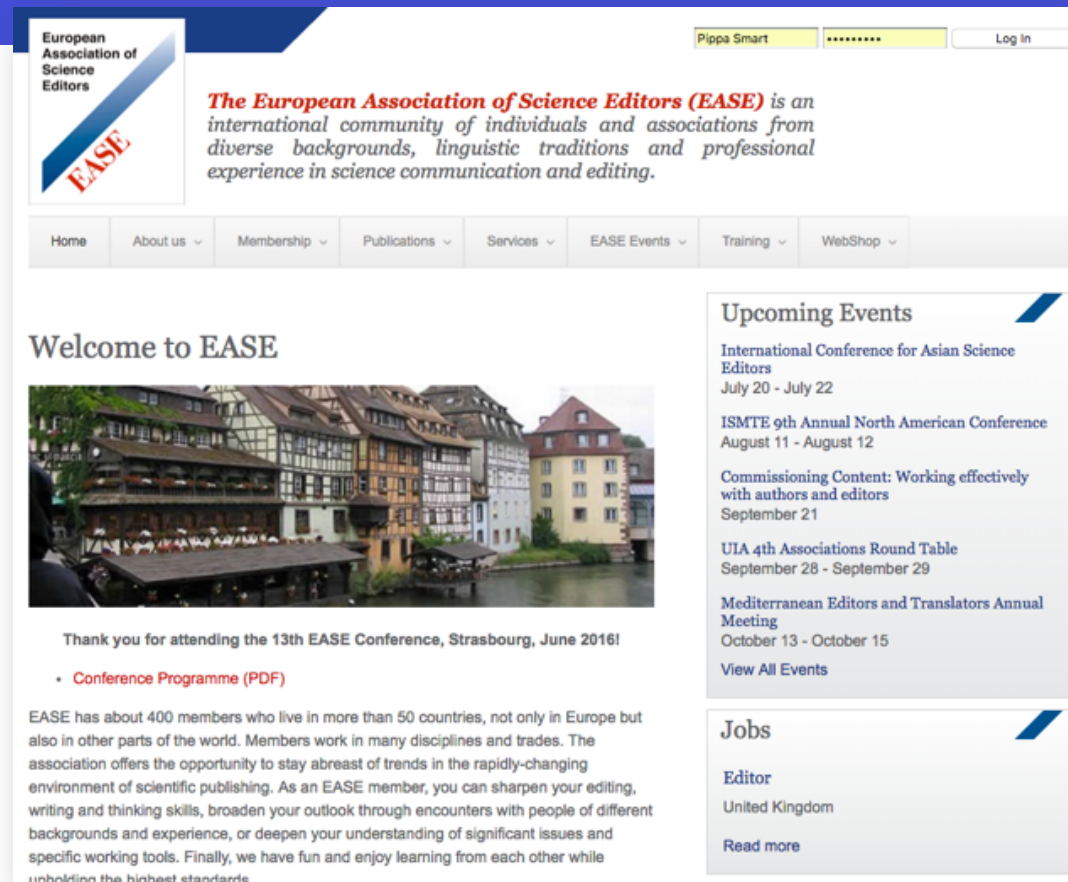
‘I think we would all agree that publishers, editors, peer reviewers, institutions and researchers all have a collective responsibility to foster best practices and ensure the integrity of the published literature. Thank you to the conference organizers for a stimulating and varied programme.’

Elizabeth Moylan & Maria Kowalczyk

BioMed Central blog

<http://blogs.biomedcentral.com/bmcblog/2016/06/17/scientific-integrity-editors-front-line/>

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the European Association of Science Editors (EASE). The header includes the EASE logo, a login field for 'Pippa Smart', and a navigation menu with links to Home, About us, Membership, Publications, Services, EASE Events, Training, and WebShop. The main content area features a 'Welcome to EASE' section with a photo of a historic building and a thank-you message for the 13th EASE Conference in Strasbourg, June 2016. A link to the 'Conference Programme (PDF)' is provided. To the right, an 'Upcoming Events' section lists several conferences with their dates. Below that, a 'Jobs' section lists an 'Editor' position in the 'United Kingdom' with a 'Read more' link.


European Association of Science Editors

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The European Association of Science Editors (EASE) is an international community of individuals and associations from diverse backgrounds, linguistic traditions and professional experience in science communication and editing.

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Thank you for attending the 13th EASE Conference, Strasbourg, June 2016!

- [Conference Programme \(PDF\)](#)

EASE has about 400 members who live in more than 50 countries, not only in Europe but also in other parts of the world. Members work in many disciplines and trades. The association offers the opportunity to stay abreast of trends in the rapidly-changing environment of scientific publishing. As an EASE member, you can sharpen your editing, writing and thinking skills, broaden your outlook through encounters with people of different backgrounds and experience, or deepen your understanding of significant issues and specific working tools. Finally, we have fun and enjoy learning from each other while upholding the highest standards.

Upcoming Events

International Conference for Asian Science Editors
July 20 - July 22

ISMTE 9th Annual North American Conference
August 11 - August 12

Commissioning Content: Working effectively with authors and editors
September 21

UIA 4th Associations Round Table
September 28 - September 29

Mediterranean Editors and Translators Annual Meeting
October 13 - October 15

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Thank you for listening

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