

The History of EASE

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European Association of Science Editors (EASE)

- Professional organization of science editors and communicators founded in 1982 through the merger of the European Life Science Editors' Association (ELSE) and the European Association of Earth Science Editors (Editerra).
- ELSE and Editerra were both founded in 1968 with encouragement from UNESCO and collaborated from the start.
- Editerra published the first issue of *Earth Science Editing* in 1975. This became *Earth and Life Science Editing*, then eventually *European Science Editing*.

Governance

EASE is governed by Statutes and Bye-Laws.

Purpose

1. To promote improved communication in science by providing efficient means for cooperation among editors of publications in the sciences
2. To assist the efficient operation of publications in the sciences

The Association shall be organized and operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes and shall not be operated for profit

EASE Council

Council is elected every three years.

Council is responsible for promoting EASE, initiating and coordinating services and activities of interest to members, the budget, recruitment, liaising with other organizations, and seeking partnerships that strengthen EASE and science editing in general.

Council appoints Committees for specific objectives, such as the Programme Committee which organises the EASE Conference: members of these Committees may be, but are not necessarily, members of Council.

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Other links

- Ties with similar associations, such as:
 - International Society for Managing and Technical Editors (ISMTE)
 - International Association of Veterinary Editors
 - Mediterranean Editors and Translators
 - International Society of Addiction Journal Editors
- Increased activities in Asia via relationships with:
 - Korean Council of Science Editors
 - Council of Asian Science Editors
 - Asian Council of Science Editors

Membership


EASE welcomes members from every corner of the world. They can be found in over 50 countries: from Australia to Venezuela by way of China, Russia, and many more.

EASE members work as editors-in-chief, commissioning editors, academics, translators, publishers, web and multi-media staff, indexers, graphic designers, statistical editors, science and technical writers, author's editors, journalists, proofreaders, and production personnel.

Membership

- Peak membership in 1990s reached nearly 1000
- About 450 members in 50 countries throughout Europe as well as North America, Asia and elsewhere
- Gain about 45 new members per year, offset by resignations and retirement
- Sponsored membership scheme

EASE website: www.ease.org.uk




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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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Welcome to EASE



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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Our mission:

To improve the global standard and quality of science editing by promoting the value of science editors and supporting professional development, research, and collaboration.

EASE publications

www.ease.org.uk/publications

- *European Science Editing*
- *Science Editors' Handbook*, 2nd ed.
- *EASE Guidelines for Authors and Translators*
- EASE Toolkit for Authors
- EASE Toolkit for Journal Editors
- EASE Statement on Inappropriate Use of Impact Factors
- EASE Journal Blog

European Science Editing

www.ease.org.uk/publications/european-science-editing

- International journal focused on science editing and publishing
- No author submission or publication fees
- Open access (full content after 6 months, research articles immediately)
- Rapid, personal, and efficient service
- High-quality international peer review
- Indexed in SCOPUS



Science Editors' Handbook, 2nd ed.

www.ease.org.uk/publications/science-editors-handbook

- Covers a wide range of subjects, including all aspects of editing scientific publications and running a journal
- Provides examples of good practice, plus tips that can help to solve problems and support good decisions
- 56 chapters written by 40 international authors with experience in all areas of science editing and publishing

EASE Guidelines for Authors and Translators of Scientific Articles

www.ease.org.uk/publications/author-guidelines

- Concise guidance for structuring and writing manuscripts; updated annually
- Freely available in more than 20 languages
- 8 appendices: Abstracts, Ambiguity, Cohesion, Ethics, Plurals, Simplicity, Spelling, Text-tables
- Advice for journal editors on how to encourage researchers to read *EASE Guidelines* before manuscript submission

EASE Toolkit for Authors

www.ease.org.uk/publications/ease-toolkit-authors

- More detailed than EASE Guidelines
- Aims to increase scientists' confidence in writing and submitting articles
- 17 modules with links to materials freely available on the Internet, which are useful to authors of scientific articles
- Modules 3-13 framed on a book published by the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors (ISAJE)

Module 2 of the Toolkit

www.ease.org.uk/publications/ease-toolkit-authors

MICRO-ARTICLE	
Title	Figure showing the new result
Global, societal, general problems	Interpretation the result
Local, specific, scientific problems	
Hypothesis, knowledge limits	Novelty of the result
Experiments	Local, specific, scientific benefits
Description of the new result	Global, societal, general benefits

Very useful
when planning
a manuscript

(Source: Lichtfouse
E. 2013. *Scientific
Writing for Impact
Factor Journals*.
Nova Publishers)

EASE Toolkit for Journal Editors

www.ease.org.uk/publications/ease-toolkit-journal-editors

- EASE Ethics Checklist, EASE Form for Authors (disclosure of authors' COI and contributions)
- Good Publication Practice 3, Elsevier Publishing Ethics Resource Kit, standard retraction form, COPE guidelines on text recycling
- EASE Statement on Inappropriate Use of Impact Factors
- Paul Beverley's free e-book *Computer tools for editors and proofreaders*, including >450 macros
- 10 golden rules for journal editors

Golden rules for journal editors

www.ease.org.uk/publications/ease-toolkit-journal-editors/golden-rules-scholarly-journal-editors

1. Be aware of your **target audience**.
2. Make **instructions to authors simple and understandable**, and review them regularly.
3. Ensure a **fair peer review** process (usually with 2-3 reviews, or more if necessary).
4. Pay due attention to **ethical issues**: data fabrication or manipulation, plagiarism, authorship, conflict of interest, copyright, legislation, etc.
5. **Respect others**: inform authors about progress and delays as soon as possible; do not overburden reviewers and authors.
6. Do your best to ensure that publications are **complete, concise, and clear**, with appropriate methods and correct citations.
7. Make sure that **abstracts properly summarize** essential information (usually: background, objectives, methods, results, and conclusions) and contain **major keywords**.
8. Ensure **safe long-term storage** of publications and documentation of the editorial process.
9. **Develop** your journal.
10. Perfection is impossible to reach, so **common sense** is necessary.

Benefits of EASE membership

- Quarterly printed copies of *European Science Editing* and online access free to members
- Discount on a printed copy of *Science Editors' Handbook*, online access free to members
- Major conferences every 2 years, workshops, etc.
- Free advertising of your courses or services on our website
- Discounts on job advertisements on our website, editorial software, courses, etc.
- Opportunities to share problems and solutions, good networking and contacts for freelancers



Get involved! EASE Conference in Split, Croatia,
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