

# European Association of Science Editors: What is EASE up to now?

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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!)

# Recent developments

- Refocus
- Publications and guides
- Outreach
- Advocacy

# REFOCUS



# New goals ... old mission

- EASE 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.
- We continue to support all scholarly editors – technical, language, comms editors, editors-in-Chief, etc.

# EASE: Three strategic pillars

## Improve global standards

- Provide expertise and endorsement
- Provide representation
- Provide participation and consultation
- Undertake research
- Share and promote research and good practice advice

## Raise the profile of science editors

- Participate in editorial and publishing initiatives
- Advocate on behalf of editors
- Promote skills and knowledge of EASE members
- Publish research and information on editing


## Support professional development

- Provide and share resources
- Provide networking and learning opportunities
- Provide skills and knowledge recognition for members
- Increase access to training

# New website

## <http://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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New journal site:  
<http://europeanscienceediting.eu/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Journal: European Science Editing. The header is dark blue with the journal's logo on the left, which includes the text 'European Association of Science Editors' and 'EASE'. To the right of the logo, the journal's title 'Journal: European Science Editing' and subtitle 'The official journal of The European Association of Science Editors' are displayed. Further right are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube, and a search bar with the text 'Search the journal' and a 'GO' button. Below the header is a dark blue navigation bar with white links: 'Archive', 'Editorial Board', 'Guidelines for authors', 'Submit', 'ESE Spanish abstracts', and 'Subscription & Advertising'. The main content area is white and features a large heading 'Welcome to Journal: European Science Editing'. Below this is a section titled 'About the journal' with a paragraph stating that ESE is the official journal of the European Association of Science Editors (EASE), published quarterly and peer-reviewed, with Ksenija Baždarić as the Chief Editor. Another section titled 'Aims and scope' describes the journal's content, including research articles, meeting reports, essays, and viewpoints, as well as book and website reviews. It also mentions that the journal is published quarterly and that digital and print versions are free to all EASE members. The current paper copy is sent out by post, and digital copies of current and past issues are held in the Journal Archive. Past issues from February 2003 are made freely available 6 months after print publication, and sample copies may be requested from the Secretary.

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## Welcome to Journal: European Science Editing

### About the journal

European Science Editing (ESE) is the official journal of the [European Association of Science Editors \(EASE\)](#). ESE is published quarterly and is peer-reviewed. The Chief Editor is [Ksenija Baždarić](#).

### Aims and scope

ESE publishes articles covering all aspects of scientific editing and publishing. It includes research articles, meeting reports, essays and viewpoints, book and website reviews, as well as highlighting events, resources and publications of interest to members. An informative and entertaining read, it helps editors keep up to date with major issues that are relevant to them (latest issue below or in [archive](#)).

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# PUBLICATIONS AND GUIDES



# EASE publications & resources

[www.ease.org.uk/publications](http://www.ease.org.uk/publications)

- *European Science Editing* (quarterly)
- *Science Editors' Handbook*, 2nd ed.
- EASE Toolkit for Authors
- EASE Toolkit for Journal Editors
- EASE Guidelines for Authors and Translators

# *EASE Guidelines for Authors and Translators*

Updated annually – available in ...

- English
- Arabic
- Bangla
- Bosnian
- Bulgarian
- Chinese
- Croatian
- Czech
- Estonian
- French
- German
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Persian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Russian
- Serbian NEW FOR 2015
- Spanish
- Turkish
- Vietnamese NEW FOR 2015

# European Science Editing (ESE)

[www.ease.org.uk/publications/european-science-editing](http://www.ease.org.uk/publications/european-science-editing)

- Quarterly
- Scope
  - science editing and publishing, science writing, indexing, archiving, communication, informatics, scientometrics, etc.
- Audience
  - editors, translators, scholarly journal publishers and authors
- Twitter: @Eur\_Sci\_Ed



Journal blog :  
<http://ese-bookshelf.blogspot.co.uk/>

**EASE Journal Blog**  
Selected information useful to science editors. This blog is a working tool used to contribute to different sections of the "European Science Editing", the peer reviewed journal of the European Association of Science Editors (EASE).

→→→ #FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016

**B - Scientists' participation in public debates**  
Woolston C. Scientists are cautious about public outreach. *Nature* Febr. 2015  
Scientists think that they should actively participate in public debates about science and technology - but many have misgivings about doing so, according to a survey of nearly 4,000 US researchers. Of the respondents, 87% said that scientists should "take an active role in public policy debates about science and technology", and just over half said that they had talked about their research with reporters. However, 52% said that oversimplification of science in news reports was a major problem. They have also showed mixed feelings about news and social media.  
<http://www.nature.com/news/scientists-are-cautious-about-public-outreach-1.16965>  
Pubblicato da Anna Maria a 14:09  
No comments:   
Etichetta: SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

**B - Writing for lay audiences**  
Salita JT. Writing for lay audiences: a challenge for scientists. *Medical Writing* 2015;424(4):183-189  
(doi: 10.1179/2047480615Z.000000000320)  
Writing for lay audiences, especially lay summaries, is needed to increase health and science literacy, but this kind of writing can be difficult for scientists. The article describes why it can be so difficult and gives some advice on how scientists can cope with the challenge and how institutions and organisations can help.  
<http://journal.emwa.org/writing-for-lay-audiences/writing-for-lay-audiences-a-challenge-for-scientists/>  
Pubblicato da Anna Maria a 13:59  
No comments:   
Etichetta: LANGUAGE AND WRITING

**B - Medical journalism**  
Whelan J. Medical journalism: another way to write about science. *Medical Writing* 2015;24(4):219-221  
(doi: 10.1179/2047480615Z.000000000327)  
True journalism differs from public relations and uncritically reproducing

  
Total Pageviews  
 **78,525**  
Follow by Email  
Email address...    
Search This Blog  
   
"A" "B", "N" and "W". What do they mean?  
Postings preceded by the letter **A** refer to **Authors' Interviews**, those preceded by letter **B** refer to new items to be published in the section **Bookshelf**, those preceded by letter **N** refer to the **News Notes** and those preceded by the letter **W** refer to the **Webwatch** of the *European Science Editing*.  
All postings before May 22, 2007 refer to the **Bookshelf**.  
Wishing to collaborate?  
Any EASE member wishing to collaborate in the blog is most welcome. To join the blog please write to [paola.decastro@iss.it](mailto:paola.decastro@iss.it)

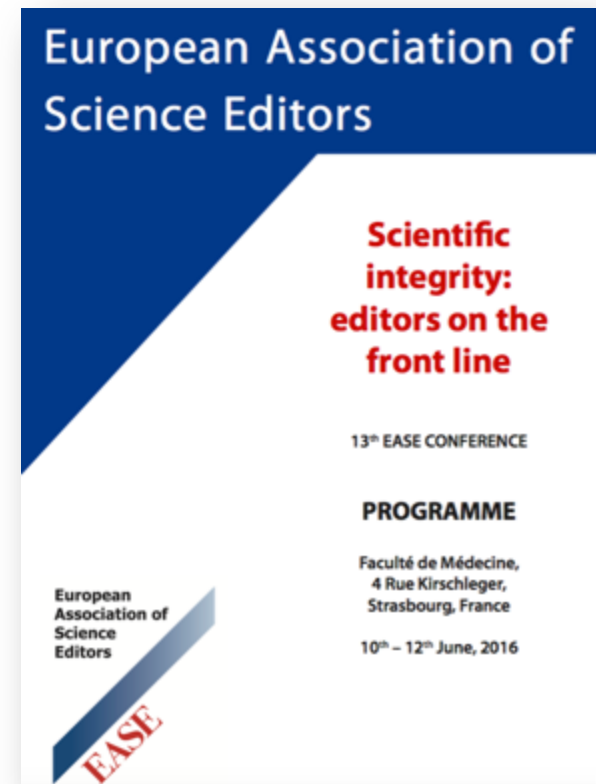


# OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



# To members ...

- EASE forum
  - Discussion ListServ
- Training
  - On request
  - In development (watch this space!)
- Conferences
  - Bi-annual: 2016 in Strasbourg
  - 2018 in Bucharest



# New member enewsletter



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European Association of Science Editors

**EASE Newsletter: June 2016**

## EASE News

### Strasbourg - are you missing out?

We are almost ready for the [Strasbourg EASE conference](#) - will you be there? We have an excellent list of speakers, workshops, discussion sessions and great opportunities for networking and learning. The focus of this year is on misconduct - it seems to be everywhere so how do editors respond, react and prevent it happening?

If you haven't yet registered there are a few days remaining - but hurry!



## EASE Events

[13th EASE Conference](#)  
10-12 June 2016  
[Strasbourg, France](#)

## EASE Forum

### Join the debate

Recent topics include whether it is ethical to help students rewrite plagiarised sections, and how much editing should be done to convert theses into publishable articles.

The EASE forum is an email discussion group - a space for members to discuss issues, seek

## Other News

### Middle Eastern research underreported

[Research at universities in the Middle East and North Africa is "very often underreported"](#) because academics see their work as private, or they are not proud of it. Gina Cinali, Director of the office of institutional research and effectiveness at Al Akhawayn University, Morocco is interviewed by the *Times Higher Education*. She also says that in some cases academics simply "forget" to tell people about their research. The publishing culture is yet to reach all universities in this region.

### How a journal responded to a peer review scam

The *British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology* has published an editorial about how it was duped by an editing and peer review service. In [Organised crime against the academic peer review system](#) it discusses the service EditPub, an apparently Chinese company providing editing and review services. The journal used two author-suggested reviewers (its normal policy is to use just one) both of whom returned positive reviews within 4 days. The article in question has now been retracted and the editorial procedures tightened.

discussion group - a space for members to discuss issues, seek opinions and ask questions. To join up, [send the Secretary an email](#).

## Other Events

### ISMTE meetings

[9th Annual North American Conference Philadelphia](#)  
11-12 August 2016  
[9th Annual European Conference Brussels](#)  
31 October-1 November 2016

### Mediterranean Editors and Translators Meeting 2016

[Raising standards through knowledge sharing and peer training](#)  
October 13-15, 2016 Centre Tarraconense (El Seminari) Tarragona, Spain

[8th Peer Review Congress Chicago, USA:](#)  
September 10-12, 2017

### Top 10 tips for peer reviewers

Nice [short video from Wiley](#) with links to other resources from the publisher.

### Behind the Scenes of the JCR Selection & Production



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## Other News



# Outreach to new members

- EASE regional chapters
  - Croatian, Italian, Russian, Mexican
  - And more in negotiation
- Access to member benefits
- Support for local initiatives

# ADVOCACY



# Gender policy group

- First phase (research) completed
  - Guidelines for reporting of Sex and Gender Equity in Research (SAGER)
- Second phase (editors and journals) starting



# 2016 Statement on data sharing

- Supporting global initiatives



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## **EASE statement on data sharing 4 April 2016**

The European Association of Science Editors (EASE) supports all initiatives on data sharing that are: (i) based on good editorial practice; (ii) take data protection issues into account; and (iii) consider publication ethical codes of conduct. As such, EASE is in agreement with the recently proposed requirement from the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) that makes sharing of clinical trial data mandatory for manuscript acceptance by its member journals (1).

EASE believes that the transparency of clinical trial conduct and outcomes is paramount to the public's trust in science. Transparency promotes well-informed use of medical interventions, permits verification of research, and helps to avoid duplication (thus reducing research waste). Reuse of shared data enables generation of new knowledge both for current clinical practice and for future research. Thus data sharing has the potential to affect the health both of individuals and the population.

We note that regulators have already taken the initiative for data transparency. The European Medicines Agency made data sharing a legal requirement in October 2014 when it published its final policy on publication of clinical data. This policy applies to clinical reports contained in all initial applications for marketing authorisation submitted on or after 1 January 2015. In March 2016 the Agency issued detailed guidance for pharmaceutical companies on how to comply with this policy (2). Publication of the first reports to comply with the EMA policy is anticipated in September 2016. Data that will be available include protocols and amendments, sample case report forms, statistical method documentation, clinical study reports, and individual patient data. Thus the path from trial conception to final results will be fully transparent down to the patient level.

Such large-scale sharing of data from clinical trials requires considerable logistic and financial investment and curation. With this in mind, EASE recommends that all stakeholders – researchers, institutions, funders, regulators, journals, and editors – collaborate to develop better access to the results of medical research. EASE advises careful consideration of the following issues.

# Thank you for listening

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