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!)

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Recent developments

- Refocus
- Publications and guides
- Outreach
- Advocacy

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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.

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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

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New website
http://www.ease.org.uk/

New journal site: http://europeanscienceediting.eu/

PUBLICATIONS AND GUIDES

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EASE publications & resources
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

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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

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European Science Editing (ESE)

- 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/

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

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To members …

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

European Association of Science Editors

Scientific integrity: editors on the front line

13th EASE CONFERENCE

PROGRAMME

Faculté de Médecine,
4 Rue Kirschleger,
Strasbourg, France

10th – 12th June, 2016

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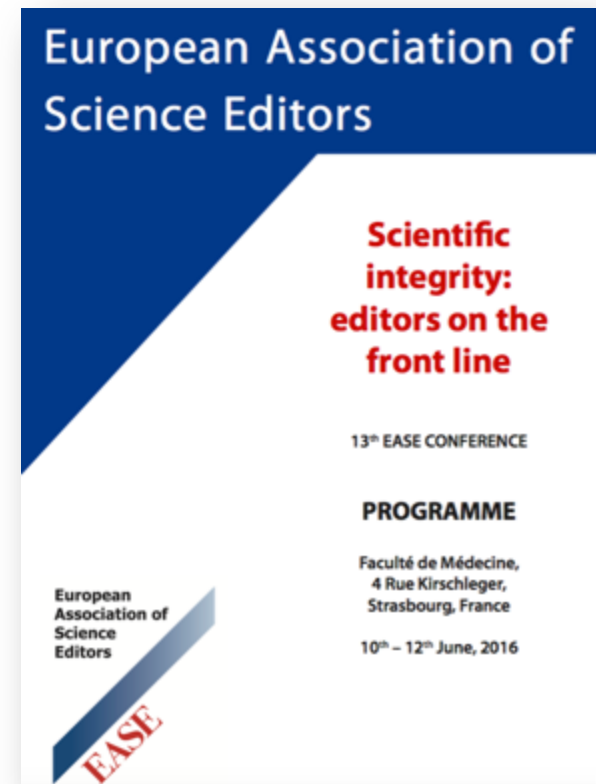
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New member *e*newsletter

EASE 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

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

Outreach to new members

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

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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.

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Thank you for listening

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