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Call for Applications: Editor-in-Chief of United European Gastroenterology Journal (UEG Journal)

UEG Journal

United European Gastroenterology (UEG) is the leading non-profit organisation for excellence in digestive health in Europe and beyond. We improve the prevention and care of digestive diseases in Europe through providing top tier education, supporting research and advancing clinical standards.

Founded in 2012, UEG Journal is UEG's flagship journal, and a platform for high-quality original research, reviews, guidelines papers, editorials and news items that contribute to the understanding and treatment of digestive disorders. Articles from across all fields of digestive health are welcomed, including luminal, liver and pancreatic diseases, gastrointestinal surgery, gastrointestinal oncology, pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition as well as endoscopy.

In 2022, UEG Journal attained an impact factor of 6.047, ranking it 23 out of 93 in the Gastroenterology & Hepatology JCR category. It received a total of 661 submissions, with an acceptance rate of 23%. The average duration from submission to first decision was 6 days and from submission to Early View publication 19 days.

UEG Journal is fully owned by UEG and the Editor-in-Chief works in close cooperation with the editorial office, currently located at the publisher John Wiley & Sons, and the UEG Headquarters Management.

The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for forming a team of Associate Editors, Trainee Editors, Editorial Board members, and reviewers, with the flexibility to adjust the current number based on financial and editorial considerations. Selection of Associate Editors involves the Editor-in-Chief evaluating candidates for expertise, standing within the scientific discipline, subject knowledge, and alignment with the journal's scope, ensuring diversity in expertise, nationality, and gender. Existing Associate and Trainee Editors stay for an extra year to facilitate a smooth transition, and their continued tenure is negotiable.

Trainee Editors are selected through an open call, with the UEG Young Talent Group handling preliminary selection, and the final decision lies with the Editor-in-Chief. Fostering the development of young talent is crucial for UEG and UEG Journal, aiming to develop a new generation of outstanding researchers and editors. This initiative not only injects fresh ideas but also brings additional resources to the editorial team. The incoming Editor-in-Chief is expected to share this approach and maintain this strategy.

Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editors positions are reimbursed.

Editor-in-Chief position

Responsibilities:

In collaboration with the editorial team and with the support of the publisher and UEG Headquarters Management, the responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief include:

- Editorial leadership:
 - Taking responsibility for the scientific content of UEG Journal
 - Providing strategic leadership and vision for the journal
 - Enhancing the quality and impact of the journal
 - Increasing the reputation of the journal among clinical and basic researchers to attract high-quality submissions and to boost readership
 - Representing the journal at scientific meetings and other occasions and actively promoting the journal in the scientific community
- Editorial management:
 - Working with the editorial board to select high-quality, impactful and multidisciplinary content for publication
 - Supervising the processes of peer review, reviewer selection, and communication with authors
 - Monitoring and constantly improving the editorial quality and standards
 - Ensuring a rapid, rigorous and efficient review of all submitted manuscripts

- Inviting authors to write review articles and other special papers
- Dealing with conflicts of interest, ethical issues, errata, and retractions
- Maintaining the flow of accepted papers at a level and on a schedule for regular publication the journal
- Collaboration:
 - Leading two in-person meetings annually and conducting virtual meetings as necessary with the editorial team
 - Collaborating closely with the UEG Leadership, regularly attending UEG Council meetings to discuss the journal's overarching strategy and report relevant performance metrics
 - Maintaining regular communication and close collaboration with the publisher and the UEG Headquarters Management
 - Engaging and supporting junior editors in various projects, entrusting them with responsibilities

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate

- enjoys a renowned reputation as a researcher in the international digestive health community.
- brings prior editorial experience in scientific publishing
- demonstrates extensive expertise in gastroenterology or a related field, showcasing a distinguished record of scholarly contributions
- demonstrates excellent leadership qualities and the capacity to collaborate effectively with those involved in the publication process
- is reliable, with strong organisational skills, and the ability to meet tight deadlines
- commits to dedicating sufficient time to fulfill the responsibilities as Editor-in-Chief
- has the ability to effectively network with colleagues across Europe and worldwide
- is dynamic, flexible, and open to embracing trends and new ideas

Contracting:

The appointment will be for an initial period of 4 years (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2028) with the possibility of one renewal for an additional two years. There will be transitional period prior to the handover of this position.

The Editor-in-Chief will receive an annual honorarium, as approved by UEG.

Application Process

Prospective candidates are required to submit the following documents to Julia Kasper at j.kasper@ueg.eu by **March 29, 2024**:

1. Cover letter: Clearly outline relevant skills, experience, and interest in the role
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Mission statement: Provide a vision for the journal and specific objectives you aim to achieve

UEG welcomes applicants of all genders, ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, abilities, and experiences, fostering equality of opportunity and inclusion. We encourage a diverse pool of candidates for this position.

Selection Process:

Applications will be reviewed by an editorial search task force composed out of members of UEG Council and the current Editor-in-Chief. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for online interviews scheduled between April and May 2024. The top two candidates will then be invited for a subsequent in-person interview at the UEG Headquarters in Vienna in June.

Contact:

For general and organisational inquiries, as well as questions about the application process, kindly contact the UEG Headquarters Management, Julia Kasper at j.kasper@ueg.eu.

For queries regarding tasks, responsibilities, and editorial processes, please direct your questions to the current Editor-in-Chief, Joost PH Drenth at joostphdrenth@cs.com.