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
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

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<th>Improve global standards</th>
<th>Raise the profile of science editors</th>
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<td>• Undertake research</td>
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New website
http://www.ease.org.uk/
New journal site:
http://europeanscienceediting.eu/
PUBLICATIONS AND GUIDES
EASE publications & resources

- *European Science Editing* (quarterly)
- EASE Toolkit for Authors
- EASE Toolkit for Journal Editors
- EASE Guidelines for Authors and Translators

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

- 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

www.ease.org.uk/publications/european-science-editing
Journal blog:
http://ese-bookshelf.blogspot.co.uk/
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

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!

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 process tightened.

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 Ginalli, 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.

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
Peerage standards through knowledge sharing and peer training October 13-15, 2016 Centre Terrasenese (Ei 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
ADVOCACY
• 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
Thank you for listening

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