
Editorial

A word from the new Chief Editor

Dear members of EASE, dear readers,

I am honoured and happy to have been appointed the Chief Editor of *European Science Editing* as the successor to Armen Yuri Gasparyan, who has been steering the journal over the past four years. Under his leadership, the journal remained true to its long tradition, became indexed in several bibliographical databases, and increased the visibility of EASE in the scientific community. I would like to thank him for all the work he has done over the years. I also wish to thank section editors Manuella Walker, who took leave from the board due to work obligations, and Penny Hubbard, who is on maternity leave, for their contribution.

I am very happy that the journal has a large Editorial Board with experienced members – Moira Hudson, Elise Langdon-Neuner, Silvia Maina, John Hilton, Anna Maria Rossi, and Lynne Rowland, and I wish to welcome our new section editors: Hannah Cagney (Meeting reports), Dado Čakalo (Managing editor), and Hrvoje Jakovac (Correspondence).

As my academic background lies both with social sciences and biomedicine, I look forward to working with the interdisciplinary editorial team to promote collaboration and understanding between disciplines. I hope that together we will intensify the rapport with our EASE members, authors, peer-reviewers, International Advisory Board, and Council members, and, above all, improve the quality and visibility of the journal for the benefit of all.

European Science Editing (ESE) is the journal of EASE and its primary goal and major strength remains informing and training editors, reporting EASE activities, and presenting the latest editing and publishing developments, including books, web events, and meetings. Over the years, ESE has transformed itself from a bulletin to a scientific journal indexed by several important services, such as Scopus (since 2007). In the group of medicine and social sciences (health informatics and communication) journals, ESE is in the third quartile (ranking for 2013). The trend of citation growth is positive, especially in the last few years. The main mission of the new Board is to continue to present the work of EASE and raise the visibility of the journal by publishing more research articles and other pieces of interest to editors, from statistics, language editing, and research integrity to peer review.

This issue brings an original article about the readability of psychiatry journals, which challenges our common assumptions about understanding medical information in high-profile scientific journals. In the Essay section we present the *Balkan Medical Journal* from Turkey with an inside story about its transformation from a local to international peer-reviewed journal. There is also an essay by Andrew Gelman, who sheds new light onto research integrity from a statistician's point of view. I wonder how research integrity specialists will react. In the Interview section, Kristen Overstreet talks about her 25 years in biomedical publishing. Our section editors have, as always, prepared for you new and interesting reads. Do not miss out on them.

I encourage you to comment on our content through our standard channels (correspondence, EASE forum, EASE Twitter, LinkedIn group) and make a submission to the journal. From the editors' desks brings more information about the Annual General Meeting of EASE, which will be held in Edinburgh this year, in September. I hope to meet you there and hear your ideas about how to make ESE closer and more useful to you, and how to take it to a higher level of scientific publishing.

Sincerely,

Ksenija Baždarić

