

any form of quality, which remains an elusive element to capture, but does work effectively in indexing various performance measures. The index is a flexible tool, capable of incorporating extensions and could be adopted by journal management software to assist editors in identifying and rewarding high performing reviewers.

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## SCIENCE

Glasziou P, Chalmers I. **Research waste is still a scandal – an essay by Pail Glasziou and Iain Chalmers.** *BMJ* 2018; 363:k4645

Progress has been made towards reducing the 85% of wasted effort in medical research – and the huge amounts of money misspent and harm caused to patients – but there's

still a long way to go. The authors list main milestones in the recognition and reduction of avoidable research waste. According to them, the most notable and potentially influential development is today the Ensuring Value In Research (EVIR) Funders' Forum, that includes over 30 research funders internationally, working together to reduce research waste and improve value.

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## SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

O'Reilly-Shah VN, Lynde GC, Jabaley CS. **Is it time to start using the emoji in biomedical literature?** *BMJ* 2018;363:k5033

As the emoji continues to gain in popularity, the authors explore its potential role in scientific

communication. Integrating emoji into the scientific literature would be advantageous in several obvious areas, such as modulating the emotional tone of communications. In editorials and letters to editors they may serve great purpose by introducing inflection and subtext in a manner not previously possible. Several important downsides should also be considered. Apart from challenges in display and interpretation, researchers and clinicians are currently left to wonder how adding emoji to their scholarly communications may affect perceptions of their professionalism. (doi: 10.1136/bmj.k5033)

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## Obituary - Arie Manten 1933 – 2018

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Prominent EASE member Dr Arie Manten died on 20 December 2018 at the age of 85.

Arie Antonie Manten was born on 12 July 1933. He studied biology and geology and graduated in 1971 at Utrecht University on a PhD thesis describing Swedish coral reefs: *Silurian Reefs of Gotland: Typology, Palaeoecology and Stratigraphical Implications*.

In 1960 he joined Elsevier Science Publishers where he initiated a branch of geological journals. He was keen on standardization and nomenclature. His interests extended to presentation, history and information policy, as exemplified by a monograph *Symposia and Symposium Publications: Guide for Organisers, Lecturers and Editors of Scientific Meetings* (1976), a book chapter on *The Growth of European Scientific Journal Publishing before 1850* (1980) and a symposium lecture *Information Policies: Government and the Information Industry* (1981; in 1983 this lecture appeared in the Proceedings publication of which Manten was a co-editor). He was involved in many more scientific publications on geology and editology.

Arie Manten was one of the founders (1968) and the first secretary of Editerra. This organisation of European earth science editors amalgamated with the European Life Science Editors' Association in 1982 to form EASE. Manten served as vice-president of EASE from 1988 to 1992. When leaving the EASE Council he was awarded an honorary membership.



In 1977 he attended the First International Conference of Scientific Editors in Jerusalem and in 1980 he organised the second conference of this series in Amsterdam. On that occasion, the Dutch minister of science policy called for a Dutch society of scientific editors. About one and a half years later (27 May 1982) Manten had gathered a broad group of colleagues who formed the Wetenschappelijke-Redacteurskring (WERK), the Dutch equivalent of EASE. Manten was the first president. One of his great achievements was the realisation of the WERK guidelines on almost every aspect of scientific editing, based on (or

complementing) international and national standards.

Manten suffered from several serious illnesses, which did not stop him from activities in different fields. After his retirement he devoted his energy to the history of Breukelen. In 1986 he founded the Breukelen Historical Society and he was its president until 2004. Naturally, he wrote, edited and published numerous articles, journals and books on Breukelen's history. In 2008 this earned him the title of honorary citizen of the town where he was born, where he lived and where he died.

We will sadly miss this remarkable, talented, passionate and amiable editor and scientist.

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