

Heart Lung and Circulation

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Australasian Society of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgeons
Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand

Editor-in-Chief – Call for Expressions of Interest

Heart Lung and Circulation is the Journal of the Australasian Society of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgeons and of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand. The Journal is a flagship activity of both Societies and a key contributor to their educational mission.

The term of office for the current Editor-in-Chief, Professor Richmond Jeremy, is due to conclude in 2012 and the Societies now seek Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified individuals for appointment to the position of Editor-in-Chief.

This is an exciting opportunity for an individual to make a major contribution to the advancement of knowledge in cardiovascular medicine and surgery in Australia and New Zealand. The Journal has been growing rapidly during the last five years and has moved to monthly publication with ISI recognition. The Journal has a wide international readership, including Europe, North America and North Asia. The Journal is at a key stage in its growth, looking to consolidate and expand its authorship input, enhance its impact and develop new initiatives linked to relevant continuing professional development.

The Journal publishes original articles, reviews and correspondence in the fields of cardiovascular medicine and surgery, with particular interest in the cardiovascular health of indigenous peoples and in the development and application of new device therapies. The Journal also publishes a number of special focus issues each year and the proceedings and abstracts of major cardiovascular meetings.

It is anticipated that the Editor-in-Chief will have academic qualifications in cardiovascular medicine or surgery, relevant to the mission of the Journal. Whilst previous experience in medical publishing is desirable, it is not essential as the Editor-in-Chief is supported by an experienced Editorial Board and specialty Sub-Editors. The Editor-in-Chief should have a vision for the future of the Journal, a commitment to academic excellence and the advancement of cardiology and cardiac surgery in Australia and New Zealand and high-quality communication skills.

The Editor-in-Chief is supported by an Editorial Manager and a supporting annual Honorarium (currently \$18,000 pa) is payable. The usual term of office for the Editor-in-Chief is five years.

For further information and a detailed Position Statement, interested persons should contact the office of the current Editor-in-Chief at Room 203, Medical Foundation Building, University of Sydney, NSW 2006 Australia or richmond.jeremy@sydney.edu.au.

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Expressions of interest should in writing and forwarded to the Editorial Board of the Journal, c/o the Office of the Editor-in-Chief at the above address. Interested individuals should include a letter describing their interest in the position and a full curriculum vitae. The closing date for receipt of Expressions of Interest is 22nd July 2011. It is anticipated that the Selection Committee will seek to discuss the position with interested individuals by teleconference in the first week of August 2011 with a view to making a recommendation for appointment to the Boards of the parent Societies in the same month.

It is anticipated that the new Editor-in-Chief will take up the position in January 2012.

POSITION STATEMENT

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for oversight of the editorial review process, production and business management of the Journal and also for key strategic planning of the future development of the Journal. The Editor-in-Chief reports to the Boards of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand and of the Australasian Society of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgeons, and is an ex officio member (with full participatory and voting rights) of the Board of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand.

The Editor-in-Chief is supported by an expert Editorial Board, including physician, surgeon and scientific members. The Board holds three or four teleconferences each year and has a major face-to-face meeting each year to coincide with the annual scientific meeting of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand. An Editorial manager, currently 0.6 FTE, also supports the daily management of the Journal. Manuscript handling is via an electronic system within the publisher's organization and is very efficient.

The Editor-in-Chief has a key role in liaison with the Publisher, currently Elsevier. This relationship is defined in a Publishing Agreement, which is reviewed each 5 years. The next review is scheduled for 2014. The Editor-in-Chief works closely with the Publication Manager in Ireland and with the Publishing Managers in Sydney. The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for tracking the overall traffic flow of manuscripts, resolving any difficulties in manuscript processing, assisting with editorial review assignments and guidance to sub-Editors as required. The Editor-in-Chief is also responsible for compilation of the contents in each issue and forward planning of future issues in consultation with the Editorial Board.

Presently, the Editorial Office is located in Sydney, however the electronic management system for the Journal and the excellent direct communications between the Publishing Office and the Editorial Office mean that the Editor-in-Chief can be based in any centre in Australia or New Zealand.

The Editor-in-Chief chairs the meetings of the Editorial Board and is responsible for oversight of action items arising from the Board meetings. The Editor-in-Chief works closely with specialty Sub-Editors and with Guest Editors of special issues. The Editor-in-Chief is also responsible for quarterly reports to the parent societies, including financial reporting.

The Journal is in a strong financial position. The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for oversight of the Journal budget and financial reporting, in consultation with the Editorial Board.

Currently, the duties of the Editor-in-Chief require approximately 6 – 8 hours pre week. The term of office for the Editor-in-Chief is five years and there is the possibility of renewal of the appointment for a period of up to another five years. The maximum term for the Editor-in-chief is ten years.

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Key performance indicators for the Editor-in-Chief include success in increasing content (as evidenced by number of original manuscripts published and recruitment of special articles and editorials); meeting the specific focus on Indigenous health and innovative device therapies; improving editorial performance (as evidenced by the length of review time and publication time); increasing impact (as evidence by impact factor calculations and electronic usage internationally); innovation in Journal development (including new content delivery approaches); and financial management.