

JOB DESCRIPTION - Editor-in-Chief of ESICM Journals

Prerequisites for candidates

Profile

- Candidates must be ESICM Ordinary members or Honorary members
- Candidates must be working in Europe

They are expected to have

- An international reputation in scientific research
- A national or international reputation as an experienced, accredited senior intensivist with an established track record in clinical practice, education, teaching and research
- Prior editorial experience
- Competence in administrative and political matters
- The attitudes and behaviours appropriate to a leadership position, including and specifically the capacity for communication, conflict resolution and the ability to arbitrate on difficult decisions.
- The capacity to maintain reliable communication with the Publisher, the review process, the Editorial Board, and the ESICM Office, particularly using electronic means of communication
- Holding a university or university-affiliated teaching position
- Institutional support to permit sufficient time for the post
- Expected longevity for the position

Conditions of participation

Candidates complying with the profile may apply to the ESICM Secretary, using the appropriate application form. Selection of candidates will be made by a Search Committee based on the pre-established profile according to the information enclosed in the application form and compliance with the person specification. Candidates may be called for an interview.

Election and Term of Office

The selection process and term of office are explained in the General SOPs, Part B: Addendum to the ESICM Statutes, Article 12.

Background information

The Editor-in-Chief is head of the Board of Editors of the Journal “Intensive Care Medicine”. (S)he is responsible for all editorial decisions on all material published in the Journal, the developments and strategies of the journal, the communication with the Society, as well as the publisher, readers, authors, and reviewers.

Responsibilities

The Editor-In-Chief is also a non-voting member of the Executive Committee and a member of the Methodology Group.

Specific responsibilities include (non-exhaustive)

- Responsible for leading or coordinating all activities related to the journal’s publications, policy and strategy, in both paper and electronic formats. The main priorities are to foster publications of the highest scientific quality through proactive editorial policies, constructive and professional reviewing, and rapid publication.
- This requires a substantial time commitment

- Involved in all relations between the journal and the Associations (European Society of Intensive Care Medicine and the European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care), their committees and the Publisher
- Bound by an agreement signed by the three parties: ESICM, the Publisher, and the Editor-in-Chief
- The Chairperson of the Board of Editors and Chairperson of the Advisory Board of the journal. The Editor-in-Chief selects members of the Editorial Board based on their scientific expertise and editorial skills.
- A member of the Search Committee for the succeeding Editor-in-Chief

Reporting relationships

The Editor-in-Chief of the ICM Journal will report to the ESICM Executive Committee, to the President, to the Council and the General Assembly.

The job description of the Editor-in-Chief is a guide to areas of responsibility. The intention is to provide incumbents with a guide via which they can develop and evolve an optimum plan and approach to progress during their term of office. The Editor-in-Chief is requested to keep this job description under review and make proposals to the EC on its evolution during, or at the end of, their term of office.