

Multiple Sclerosis Journal

Editor-in-Chief recruitment

Multiple Sclerosis Journal (MSJ) is seeking a new Editor-in-Chief, to be in the role for the January 2022 issue.

About the journal:

Multiple Sclerosis Journal (MSJ), established in 1995 and the official journal of ACTRIMS, ECTRIMS, LACTRIMS, PACTRIMS and RIMS is looking for candidates for the Editor-in-Chief position of the journal.

MSJ – aims and scope:

Multiple Sclerosis Journal is a peer-reviewed international journal that focuses on all aspects of multiple sclerosis, neuromyelitis optica and other related autoimmune diseases of the central nervous system.

The journal for your research in the following areas:

- **Biologic basis:** pathology, myelin biology, pathophysiology of the blood/brain barrier, axo-glial pathobiology, remyelination, virology and microbiome, immunology, proteomics, experimental models
- **Epidemiology and genetics:** genetics, epigenetics, epidemiology
- **Clinical and Neuroimaging:** clinical neurology, biomarkers, neuroimaging, Clinical Trials and clinical outcome measures,
- **Therapeutics and rehabilitation:** therapeutics, rehabilitation, psychology, neuroplasticity, neuroprotection, and systematic management

Outstanding information presented in a topical based format.

Alan Thompson, the current Editor-in-Chief of *Multiple Sclerosis Journal* is stepping down by the end of 2021. Alan Thompson has acted as Editor-in-Chief for over ten years and developed the journal to its impact factor of 6.312 as well as maintaining the key relationships with the affiliated societies. Additionally Alan is a consulting Editor on the sister title *Multiple Sclerosis Journal-Experimental, Translational and Clinical* (MSJ-ETC).

The Editor-in-Chief is a strategic oversight and co-ordinating role, leading on external communications etc. MSJ has recently revamped the role so that it no longer has a substantive load for which he/she is responsible to review.

Role Description:

The principal editorial accountabilities of the Editor-in-Chief are to:

- Manage/lead on the peer review process for articles outside the scope of the regional and article focused Editors, including but not limited to, 'Editorials', 'Letters to the Editor', 'Personal Viewpoints', and 'Future Perspectives';
- Maintain oversight of other areas to ensure constant flow of material
- Uphold a high standard of publication ethics in the Journal, which includes ensuring that the Journal states and adheres to a rigorous peer review policy;
- Oversee the journal's overall peer review process using SAGE Publishing's web-based submission system;
- Work with regional and article focused Editors and provide support for their editorial operations;
- Commission editorials for each issue;
- Manage and compile each issue including guest-edited themed issues;
- Ensure that there is adequate copy for the compilation of each issue;
- Encourage the editors to identify papers that would benefit from an editorial either because the area is topical or the content of the paper is controversial
- Ensure that all copy for each issue is supplied to meet the agreed production schedule specified by SAGE Publishing;
- Work with SAGE to highlight key papers for promotion and support social media activity by @MSJ_Research and SAGE Publishing;
- Select the Editor's Choice papers for each issue;
- Solicit content by attending conferences and identifying potential contributors and themes to ensure that MSJ continues to be relevant, respected, and authoritative;
- Manage the international team of Editors and the Editorial Board;
- Chair the annual MSJ Editorial Board meeting;
- In the forthcoming years the journal will evolve and the Editor-in-Chief is expected to have knowledge of cOAlition S/Plan S;
- Work collaboratively with the affiliated societies and encourage journal involvement in key society activities globally; including soliciting position papers, strategic guidelines where appropriate
- Act as a consulting Editor on the sister title, *Multiple Sclerosis Journal-Experimental, Translational and Clinical* (MSJ-ETC);
- Engage with commercial activities of the journal, including approving regional/translated editions of the journal, sign posting potential reprints, managing the balance between industry/pharma and the journal, and reviewing other commercial proposals.

Application and Selection:

MSJ invites applications from individuals who wish to take on the responsibility of the MSJ Editor-in-Chief role for five years from January 2022, with the possibility of re-appointment for further terms thereafter.

Applications should set out the case for an individual's appointment, including your vision for the journal.

Individual experience and other current and projected commitments and responsibilities should be outlined, and a brief CV provided.

Applications close on **31st July 2021** and interviews will take place in September 2021 with a decision to be announced by early October 2021.

The current Editor-in-Chief will work with the new post-holder managing the transition to the new editorial arrangement.

Please email applications to Edward Newman, Senior Publishing Editor at SAGE Publishing:
Edward.newman@sagepub.co.uk.

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by video call before final selection.

Information about *Multiple Sclerosis Journal* and SAGE Publishing

For more information on MSJ please see the following websites:

MSJ: <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/msj>

SAGE Publishing: <https://uk.sagepub.com/en-gb/eur/home>