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European Stroke Organisation:

Call for journal Editor-in-Chief

Interested individuals are invited to apply for the position of Editor-in-Chief of a new scientific journal, the **European Stroke Journal**.

The **European Stroke Organisation (ESO)** is a professional non-profit society with over 1,400 individual members. It has affiliations to numerous related national and international societies. ESO conducts a broad range of activities in the field of stroke medicine. Its educational activities include provision of an annual summer school for younger clinicians, and annual winter school to support neurointerventional training, a Masters course in stroke medicine, Department to Department visits and it supports a PhD student. ESO promotes implementation of good practice in patient care: it generates and publishes several European Guidelines for Stroke Management, considers certification of Stroke Units and holds workshops to help with the development of stroke unit procedures in eastern European countries. Research activities organised by ESO include running of the European Stroke Trials Network and its related workshops, publication of research recommendations from working groups, for example concerning outcome measures for trials or for encouraging trial participation. ESO's communication activities include the prestigious bi-annual ESO Stroke Science Workshop, the ESO-Karolinska guidelines meeting and the new annual ESO Conference, recently attended by 2,700 delegates.

Membership of ESO has more than doubled in the last year and is expected to rise rapidly with the new conference activities. Members have clamoured for ESO to publish its own journal for stroke research and this is now the first priority for the society. We recognise that Europe is the source of some of the strongest research output in stroke in the world, that there are insufficient opportunities to publish stroke material in a suitable specialist journal, read by all members of our multidisciplinary profession, and that international readers and authors place high value on European research, leadership and output.

In 2016, ESO is going to launch its new **European Stroke Journal**, as its official platform for scientific publication. The journal will be owned by ESO and is expected to be produced for ESO by a renowned medical publisher. The journal will cover translational and clinical studies from all fields of stroke medicine including trial design, epidemiology, prevention, diagnosis,

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acute and post-acute care, stroke complications and rehabilitation, through to organisation of stroke care and societal impact. It will be open to authors from all elements of the multidisciplinary team: medical and allied professions.

The best research will be published bi-monthly. Authors and researchers will gain a platform for the rapid and professional publication of peer-reviewed scientific material. We anticipate that the journal and its editorial team will develop excellent cooperation with sister organisations such as the World Stroke Organisation and the International Journal of Stroke. From its launch the journal will have an instant subscriber and reader base of more than 1,400 and is expected to reach international prominence and scientific impact within 3 years of its inception.

The **Editor-in-Chief**, who will enjoy full editorial independence, will be responsible with ESO for assembling a team of associate editors, editorial board members and reviewers and for shaping the international profile of the journal. Reimbursement conditions will be negotiated. The Editor-in-Chief will work in close cooperation with the editorial office and will receive administrative support provided by the publisher and ESO. The appointment will be for an initial period of 3 years with the possibility of a single renewal.

ESO encourages qualified candidates to apply for this position. Along with extensive experience in clinical stroke medicine we seek a well-respected person prepared to devote sufficient time for this task, who also enjoys an international reputation as a stroke researcher. He or she should have the ability to network effectively with colleagues across Europe and worldwide. Fluency in English language will be important.

We look for a dynamic, well-organised and reliable colleague with prior editorial experience in scientific publishing and the commitment and resources to build up what we regard as a challenging but eminently feasible project.

Suitable applicants are asked to apply by 3 September 2015. Please provide a CV listing relevant qualifications and previous editorial experience, plus a mission statement addressing the future development of the new journal. Applications will be assessed by an internal panel and the most qualified candidates may be invited to present their concepts in person to the appointing panel. Associate editors may be also chosen from among the pool of applicants. The editor's term is anticipated to begin in October 2015 with the first issue scheduled for May 2016.

Person specification (criteria that ESO will consider):

- Scientific and personal prominence / wide acceptance
- within the scientific community of stroke research in Europe
- Credibility in terms of career stage and other commitments to devote time and effort to this project as a primary or major interest (eg up to 30%)
- Breadth of clinical/research experience
- In-depth knowledge of the field of stroke, its leadership and current trends and advances
- Publication record
- Editorial and review experience
- International reputation and availability for travel
- Enthusiasm and commitment
- Organisational ability
- Institutional support
- Fluency in English language
- Vision for the journal

For additional information and answers please contact Prof. Michael Brainin, ESO Past President or Prof. Kennedy Lees, ESO President, co-chairs of the journal committee. Applications should be submitted electronically to ESO at the following address:

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