

EASE Council 2018 – 2021 Nominees recommended by Nominations Committee

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Bahar Mehmani, Netherlands

Reviewer Experience Lead in the Global Publishing Development department at Elsevier. Her focus is to improve peer review process and workflow across all Elsevier journals. She launched the Elsevier Reviewer Recognition Program in early 2014 with the aim of recognizing reviewers' voluntary contribution to the progress of science. She is working on adding transparency to the peer review process, improving the quality of peer review by introducing quality measures such as editor, author and reviewer surveys, and addressing gender bias in peer review. Bahar is a member of PEERE and as the representative of Elsevier is collaborating with researcher members of the group in running a scientific study on peer review. She is also chair of one of three organizing committees of the annual peer review week. Bahar joined Elsevier as a managing editor in 2012 working on physics and mathematics titles. Before that, she was a postdoc researcher at Max Planck Institute for the Science of Light.

EASE areas of interest

Training and skills development
Research and participation in collaborative initiatives
Networking and social media

Stephan Mertens, Germany

Deputy Editor of Deutsches Ärzteblatt, having worked in the Medical editorial department there for over 20 years. As well as managing peer review and other editorial duties, Stephan has conducted research and published in the field of scientometry. He has been a member of the World Association of Medical Editors since 2004 and a regular attendee at EASE Conferences. Before becoming an editor, he was a post-doctoral researcher at the Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge, UK.

EASE areas of interest

Research and participation in collaborative initiatives
Liaison with the ICMJE since Christopher Baethge (colleague) is a member of this group.

Flaminio Squazzoni, Italy

Associate Professor of Economic Sociology, Department of Economics and Management, University of Brescia, where he leads the GECS-Research Group on Experimental and Computational Sociology. He is editor of *JASSS-Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulation*, the flagship journal for social simulation research. He has been President of the European Social Simulation Association (2012-2016) and is chairing a COST Action on "New frontiers of peer review" (www.peere.org).

EASE areas of interest

Research and participation in collaborative initiatives
Developing guidelines and other EASE publications

Jadranka Stojanovski, Croatia

Assistant Professor at the University of Zadar, Department of Information Sciences and research librarian at Ruđer Bošković Institute in Zagreb. She has more than 20 years of professional experience in designing and creating scholarly publications management systems. Previously, Jadranka worked as the library director at the Ruđer Bošković Institute. She has an interdisciplinary background in physics and information sciences gained during MSc studies in Physics and MA studies in Information Sciences at University of Zagreb, as well as an educational background in information sciences gained during PhD studies in Information and Communication Sciences at the University of Zagreb. Her interests include new trends in scholarly publishing, open data and publications management, open science, and ethical concerns in scholarly publishing. She is actively engaged in various international projects, such as PEERE.

EASE areas of interest

Research and participation in collaborative initiatives
Training and skills development.
Digital publishing development

Cem Uzun, Turkey

Professor of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery at Trakya University School of Medicine, Edirne, Turkey. He is the Pro-Rector and General Secretary of the Trakya University, where his responsibilities include university publications, ethics, library, and the Balkan Universities Association - of which his university is the founder and permanent general secretary. Cem is the previous Editor in Chief (2012-2016), Co-Editor (2004-2008) and currently the Editor at Large of the *Balkan Medical Journal*, which is the only journal from medical schools in Turkey indexed in SCIE and Medline. Cem has organized workshops, symposiums and conferences on scientific writing, editing, journal management and publication ethics. As well as EASE, he is the member of COPE, the World Association of Medical Editors and Council of Science Editors. He is a member of Programme Committee for the 14th EASE Conference, Bucharest 2018. Cem Uzun received "Outstanding Young Faculty Award", "Science Award" and "Researcher of the Year Award" in Turkey, and has been awarded "Goodwill Ambassador to the Academy from Turkey and the Balkans" by the American Academy of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery.

EASE areas of interest (could be active in one or two)

Training and skills development
Outreach to regional chapters
Advocacy and liaison with external bodies (e.g. COPE, ICMJE)
Developing guidelines and other EASE publications