

## **Section and Main Editors' Meeting**

**Euroforum Infantes, San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain**

19 August, 15:00-17:00, Sala07; 20 August 18:00-19:00, Sala10

**CHAIR: Gernot Kostorz**

Attendees: Ted Baker, Carol Brock, Howard Einspahr, Ake Kvick, Dieter Schwarzenbach, Jim Simpson, Walter Steurer, Helen Stoeckli-Evans, Matthias Weil, Manfred Weiss

IUCr staff attending: Nicola Ashcroft, Jill Bradshaw, Sean Conway, Gillian Holmes, Louise Jones, Peter Strickland, Tony Weight

### **CURRENT MAKE-UP AND STATUS OF EDITORIAL BOARDS**

The status of each member of the editorial board of each journal was given with regard to retirement, continuation as Co-editor and attendance at the JComm meetings.

Section Editors should consider all journals as they are all related, and Section Editors of different journals should communicate with one another. Chester should create a platform for this, possibly through an internal discussion forum. This would require someone to oversee the forum and to lead discussions.

Forums could be journal specific or for all journals. The setting up of journal specific forums would be a topic for discussion within the individual journal meetings.

### **MEETING ARRANGEMENTS**

The arrangements for the meeting were outlined. At the first Plenary, editors would be asked to introduce themselves and give a short comment on what they want from their journal and why they are interested in working for it. On 20 August, Sine Larsen and Sven Lidin would give talks on what the journals mean for the Union and they would also attend individual journal meetings.

### **AIMS OF THE MEETINGS**

It was noted that the individual agendas should not be seen as rigid but merely a springboard for interesting discussions. Important points from the individual journal meetings would be brought forward at the Plenary session. The Plenary session would show how impact factors are calculated and it might be useful to discuss how to react to fluctuating journal impact factors.

There would be a number of 'submission to publication' sessions which would aim to show how the Chester Editorial office works and would hopefully be informative. Information provided would also be made available to Co-editors who were unable to attend the meetings.

### **ONLINE STATISTICS**

Section Editors should let the Chester office know of any aspect of the online statistics that do not work or of any information they would like to have available there.

### **ANNUAL AND TRIENNIAL REPORTS**

An annual report is required for each journal. In Congress years, a triennial report is also needed. The Chester Office can provide the annual report in a Congress year to avoid the need for two reports being produced by Section Editors in one year. In future, it is likely that reports will be more standardised, with selected figures/statistics quoted, leaving just the text to be added by the Section Editor.

### **OPEN COMMISSION MEETING**

There would be no sequential journal presentations at the open commission meeting as previously. Instead there will be a panel of Section Editors who will discuss issues related to the journals as a whole, independent of journal. This should

provide for a more lively meeting with discussions of items relevant across all the journals.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL MEETINGS**

The follow up Section Editors' meeting on 20 August discussed matters arising from individual journal meetings. A full description of these matters is given in the notes on the Plenary sessions.