

Publication Council



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The Publication Council came into existence in September 2019. The Publication Task Force (TF) concluded its existence at that time.

Members of the Publication TF who will remain on the Publication Council

Jean Gotman, Chair
Alexis Arzimanoglou (France), Sándor Beniczky (Denmark), Editors-in-Chief, *Epileptic Disorders*
Aristea Galanopoulou (USA), Dong Zhou (China), Editors-in-Chief, *Epilepsia Open*
Astrid Nehlig (France), Michael Sperling (USA), Editors-in-Chief, *Epilepsia*
Nicola Maggio (Israel), Editor-in-Chief, ILAE Wikipedia Project
Emilio Perucca (Italy)
Ed Bertram (USA)

New members of the Publication Council

Emmanuel Sanya (Nigeria), representing Africa
Marco Medina (Honduras), representing Latin America
Salah Baz (Saudi Arabia), representing the East Mediterranean
Ingmar Blümcke (Germany), representing the Education Council

Chair

Jean Gotman (Canada)

The Publication Council now has representation covering all ILAE regions. Members have various terms, so that many will continue past the change of the ILAE Executive Council in 2021. Editors-in-Chief are no longer members of the ILAE Executive Committee. The Chair is a non-voting member of the Executive Council.

Activities of the Publication Council

The reports of ILAE organizational entities that are considered for publication are first reviewed by the

Publication Council, which makes a recommendation to the Executive Committee (EC) regarding the following points:

- Whether the report is of sufficient importance and quality to be published in an ILAE journal (The Publication Council does NOT review the report.)
- The journal to which the report is to be submitted.

The EC makes the final decision. A two-page Executive Summary of the report is published in *Epilepsia* independently of where the report is published. An Executive Summary has only one reference, to the original paper.

Epilepsia

- The journal is gaining a reputation for being tougher; rejection rates continue an upward trend
- Rate of submission remains constant, with a small increase in original research
- Continued growth in basic science and pediatrics submissions
- The number of downloads is impressive; they have tripled in the past decade
- The impact factor increased to 5.56 in July 2019, from 5.23 in July 2018
- The possibility of creating podcasts was discussed but no conclusion was reached.

Epilepsia Open

- Steady increase in number of articles published
- Upward trends continue for downloads/unique visitors
- Increase in direct submissions vs transfers continues
- Revenue is increasing compared to this time in 2018, but relatively slowly.

Epileptic Disorders

- Total submissions are slightly higher than last year

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- The Epilepsy Education TF paper on the curriculum roadmap was published in April
- A series of articles related to the curriculum will be published starting in the fall (two have been published, eight are in process)
- Improvements have been made to the video search functions on the journal website
- The Impact Factor increased to 2.05 in July 2019, from 1.50 in July 2018.

Wikipedia Project

- Engagement with the YES group to recruit new writers, particularly through social media
- Training of new writers using open-access resources from the Wikipedia Educational Foundation
- Workshop in Bangkok on writing for Wikipedia, given by Amin Azzam, MD – a Professor of Psychiatry at UCSF and a Wikipedian – was attended by 30 people. This workshop will be repeated in Geneva.
- Ten entries are in process of being uploaded to Wikipedia, after a thorough review by a specialist in the field; five are currently being written by people who attended the Bangkok workshop
- Overall, the writing of Wikipedia entries has proven a lot more complex than originally envisioned.

Contract with Wiley

- The contract with Wiley ends in December 2021
- We hope to have a new contract in place by the end of 2020
- Initial discussions with Wiley indicate that the big open-access movement is creating much uncertainty in publishing. Discussions will start in earnest in June
- We have agreed to a six-month trial of advertising on the first pages of PDF articles downloaded from *Epilepsia*, to compensate for lost advertising revenue in print.

Cost of digital subscriptions

An effort was made to reduce the cost of journal subscriptions in countries with limited means. The following change is effective in February 2020:

- Current (2019)
 - \$0 for low income countries (31)
 - \$35 for lower middle (47) and higher middle (60) income countries
 - \$45 for high income (79) countries
- New (February 2020)
 - \$0 for low-**and lower-middle**-income countries
 - \$35 for higher middle-income countries
 - \$45 (*Epilepsia*) and \$60 (*Epileptic Disorders*) for high-income countries
- Lower-middle-income countries include large countries such as Egypt, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and the Philippines
- An advertising campaign will be undertaken to make these new rates known.

Translations

An effort was made to encourage chapters to translate the main ILAE documents to make them easily accessible to a large community.

- The Definition of Epilepsy (2015) has been translated to ten languages
- The Seizure Classification (2017) has been translated to 13 languages
- The Classification of the Epilepsies (2017) has been translated to 11 languages
- The 3 documents have been translated to Arabic, French, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese (x2), and Spanish.

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