

STATISTICAL JOURNAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS (SJIAOS)

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF – Job description and specific characteristics required

The Statistical Journal of the IAOS (SJIAOS) is the flagship journal of the International Association for Official Statistics. In addition to the traditional printed and online version of the Quarterly Journal, the SJIAOS also contains a website (www.officialstatistics.com) with news and interview and a discussion forum.

The main aim of SJIAOS is to support the IAOS mission by publishing articles and launching discussions to promote the understanding and advancement of official statistics and to foster the development of effective and efficient official statistical services on a global basis.

The Editor-in-Chief gives direction to the Journal and to the website. The Editor-in-Chief ensures that the articles in the Journal and the discussions on the website focus on current and emerging issues and challenges of broad interest to both users and producers of statistics. He/she provides that direction through soliciting and selecting high quality papers, and by combining related papers together into special issues to increase their interest as well as to solicit and initiate discussions.

In particular, the Editor-in-Chief ensures that:

1. the Journal publishes articles of a high standard that maintain and enhance the reputation of the IAOS;
2. the relationship with the publisher is maintained, and the Journal meets its commitment to publishing four issues a year, with a total of 800 to 1200 pages;
3. the Editorial Policy of the Journal is applied and is only changed subject to the approval of the IAOS Executive Committee (EXCO);
4. the discussions on the website www.officialstatistics.com are relevant for the current developments and discussions in official statistics and are provocative or create much interest by the discussion followers;

5. an Editorial Board is maintained to review the papers, which between them cover the areas of interest of the Journal. See the members at: <http://www.iospress.nl/Journal/statistical-Journal-of-the-iaos/?tab=editorial-board>;

6. an Advisory Board is maintained that aims to advise the President of the IAOS and the Editor-in-Chief on the bi-annual strategy for the Statistical Journal (Journal and website), and on the annual reports on the Journal by the Editor in Chief, and to advise on their request, on ad hoc issues related to content and quality of the manuscripts, the Journal in general and review and revision procedures and the content of the SJIAOS website and discussions.

7. opportunities are taken to produce issues on special topics or from conference proceedings;

8. opportunities are taken to promote the Journal and seek contributions from potential authors;

9. the Manuscript Tracking Systems (the phase out MS tracker and phase in Editorial Manager) are appropriately used to monitor the editorial process.

In addition, the Editor-in-Chief works with the IAOS EXCO to identify opportunities to use the SJIAOS to further the broader goals of the IAOS.

The specific duties of the Editor-in-Chief are:

- to actively solicit manuscripts by contacting potential authors and guest editors directly, via conferences, or via specific networks;
- to allocate submitted papers for reviews;
- to receive reviews and consider whether papers should be accepted or revised in line with editorial policy;
- to communicate on the review and revision process with (potential) authors;
- to attract authors to prepare discussion statements for the discussion platform and maintain this platform as well as to generate news and interviews for the website;
- to maintain a sufficiently high quality and level of expertise in the domains of official statistics in the distribution and number of editors in the editorial board of emphasis and general editors;
- to liaise with the publisher on the publication of issues of the Journal and on matters concerning the website and discussion platform;
- to liaise with the publisher on review and revision procedures;
- to inform the EXCO of the IAOS and the General Assembly of the progress and status of the Journal and website via regular reports during the year and an annual report at the time of the IAOS General Assembly;
- To maintain contacts with IAOS and International Statistical Institute (ISI) as well as with neighboring journals and Editor-in-Chiefs of these journals as well as other relevant ISI sections;
- Actively communicate via presentations of the journal and the website to a broader audience.

The Editor-in-Chief needs the following qualities:

1. good general knowledge of the statistical issues covered by the Journal;
2. a background in official statistics;
3. experience in the preparation of professional journal articles, preferably in the field of official statistics;
4. good international contacts and the ability to persuade potential authors and guest editors to submit papers and organize special sections and special issues;
5. well organized and able to spend sufficient time to meet the publishing schedule;
6. proven good drafting and editing skills.

Some experience in the use of social media would also be beneficial.

Further details about the Journal, including its editorial policy, are at the Journal's website www.officialstatistics.com or at IOS Press: <https://www.iospress.nl/journal/statistical-journal-of-the-iaos/>.

This position is unpaid and voluntary but covers traveling to the ISI World Statistics Congresses (WSC), the IAOS Conferences, as well as some other international events.

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The IAOS EXCO expects to make a final decision by late 2022, in order to allow full handover by the middle of 2023.

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