An open call to join the CMI editorial team: editor in clinical microbiology

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Clinical Microbiology and Infection (CMI) is looking for an editor in clinical microbiology to join our editorial team. We are looking for an editor who will deal mainly with studies done in the laboratory, whether the routine clinical laboratory or a research one.

CMI editors participate in making decisions on the journals' policies. They attend meetings of the editorial team 1-2 times per year. Editors of CMI are assigned about four papers per month. They invite suitable peer-reviewers to write peer-reviews, judge the merits of the manuscript according to the reviews and make a decision whether to decline publication or ask for a revision. For papers with a high chance of publication, the editor will continue working with the author to improve the presentation of the results. Editors solicit reviews and commentaries. We estimate the work needed as 2-4 hours per week. Editorial work at CMI is voluntary and editors are not compensated for their time. The appointment is for four years, and can be extended for another term. As noted by Celine Pulcini, the experience can be rewarding [1].

CMI is the official publication of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. It has an impact factor of 6.425. Our aims at CMI have been published [2]: please read them before you apply to us.

We are looking for a person qualified in clinical microbiology or microbiology, with experience in running a clinical microbiology laboratory and an excellent track-record in 'wet-bench' research. We would prefer someone with experience in editorial work. We will also look for a track-record in peer-reviewing. An excellent grasp of the English language is necessary.

Why should you join us as an editor? The only working model (as of now) that brings research results to the people who are interested and can use them is through scientific journals. We also aim to aid our readers in using research evidence for the benefit of patients, addressing the patients' preferences and using clinical experience; all this through reviews and commentaries. Improving the methods and the reporting of results is a worthy goal, and you can contribute by being an editor. We think the aims of ESCMID [3] and CMI [2] are worthwhile.

To put forward your candidacy, please write to the manager of the CMI Editorial Office, Julia Friedman: jlubom2@gmail.com. Please send us your CV and list of publications; a one-page text summary of your research and clinical career, including future prospects; a one-page summary of your editorial experience and experience as a peer-reviewer; one page including three ideas of how to improve CMI; and two letters of recommendation focusing on your skills as a peer-reviewer and editor. Please write to us before March the 31st, 2020. We will make our decision by June the 1st, 2020. Please do not hesitate to write to Julia Friedman with any questions you might have.

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References