

## **Invitation for Applications: Editor-in-Chief, *PEDIATRIC RESEARCH***

The International Pediatric Research Foundation (IPRF) invites applications for an exciting opportunity to become the Editor-in-Chief of *Pediatric Research*, when the post becomes vacant in early 2011.

The incumbent editors - Sherin U. Devaskar, M.D., Editor-in-Chief, and Petra Huppi, M.D., European Chief Editor - will be stepping down from their respective positions in January 2011, and the Editorial structure of *Pediatric Research* will be revised as outlined below. To make this exciting new appointment, the IPRF has created a Search Committee to invite and review applications, which will be due by February 15, 2010. Following the appointment, which will be made by May 2010, the successful candidate will embark on a transitional period, with full responsibility for the editorship and direction of the Editorial Board slated to start January 2, 2011.

In contrast to previous Editorial arrangements for *Pediatric Research*, advances in electronic communication have facilitated the internationalization of the editorial board with improvements in reviewing and publishing. Therefore, and in contrast to the previous arrangements with two groups of editorial board members from the USA and Europe, respectively, the IPRF has taken the decision to appoint a single Editorial Board on this occasion, with a single Editor-in-Chief, supported by an Associate Editor-in-Chief. It is anticipated that the Editorial Board will be chosen on the basis of academic merit regardless of location, but that the Board should reflect the international nature of the Journal.

### **Mission Statement**

*Pediatric Research* is a peer-reviewed scientific journal focused on the etiologies of diseases of children and disorders of development, extending from molecular biology to epidemiology. The Journal has a distinguished Editorial Board that reflects the broad and interdisciplinary nature of the field. As the Official Publication of the American Pediatric Society, the European Society for Paediatric Research, and the Society for Pediatric Research, *Pediatric Research* provides a forum for clinical researchers, basic scientists, clinicians, and others to publish original research and explore controversies. Use of model organisms and *in vitro* techniques relevant to developmental biology and medicine are acceptable, as are translation human studies.

The Journal welcomes and encourages submissions from all disciplines including pediatric subspecialties, pediatric surgery, basic science, child psychiatry, psychology, nursing, physical therapy, social work, and other related fields. It is the interdisciplinary focus and the high quality of the clinical information and basic science demanded by the Editorial Board that distinguishes *Pediatric Research*.

### **About *Pediatric Research***

*Pediatric Research* debuted as a new publication in 1967. All APS/SRP/ESPR members receive *Pediatric Research* as a benefit of their membership. The Journal is published 12 times per year and is indexed in Index Medicus.® *Pediatric Research* has a 2008 Impact Factor of 2.604, and ranks 15<sup>th</sup> of 86 in Pediatrics (Thomson-Scientific *Journal Citation Reports 2008*). Published for the International Pediatric Research Foundation by Wolters Kluwer Health / Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, the Journal uses the Editorial Manager, as its manuscript submission and peer review web-based system. For further information about *Pediatric Research*, visit the journal website, <http://www.pedresearch.org>.

### **Applications**

The Editor-in-Chief will be a member of either the Society for Pediatric Research, the American Pediatric Society, or the European Society for Paediatric Research.

The Editor-in-Chief will possess a general scientific knowledge of the fields covered in the journal and be skilled in the arts of writing, editing, critical assessment, negotiation, and diplomacy.

This individual will be expected to draw together an editorial team of scientists, who will have specialist knowledge in the key areas covered by the Journal, and will include an Associate Editor-in-Chief, with whom the Editor-in-Chief will work closely in developing editorial policy and strategy. The IPRF anticipates that this pairing would reflect the transatlantic flavor of previous Journal editorial teams and that the proposed Editorial Board will be international in composition.

Applicants should provide a full Curriculum Vitae and personal statement to support their application. In addition three letters of recommendation from knowledgeable colleagues should be included. Applications will be assessed for evidence of:

1. Academic and Publishing Record  
Evidence of strong academic achievement and robust list of publications in relevant fields.
2. Editorial Experience  
Experience as an Editor, Associate Editor or Editorial Board Member (or similar) of an indexed journal in a related field.
3. Content and Format Development  
Perspective on developing the journal's content, through the editorial structure and process, outreach to authors, strategic development of the journal, and deployment of web-based features available through the publisher's platform.

Please submit your application materials by February 15, 2010 to:

***Pediatric Research Editor-in-Chief Search Committee***

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Applications must be received by February 15, 2010. Selected Editor-in-Chief candidates, together with their designate Associate Editor-in-Chief, will be invited by the IPRF Trustees to present their proposals, which should include their proposed Editorial Board. Interviews will be held at the meeting of the IPRF Board of Trustees in Vancouver on Friday, April 30, 2010, prior to the 2010 PAS annual meeting.

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## *PEDIATRIC RESEARCH*

### EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

#### JOB DESCRIPTION

The Editor-in-Chief of *Pediatric Research* is responsible for the editorial content and process of producing the Journal. The Editor-in-Chief will work with an Associate Editor-in-Chief, to whom editorial decisions may be delegated as appropriate, and through an Editorial Board, which will be selected by the Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editor-in-Chief and approved by the IPRF. The Editor-in-Chief will possess a general scientific knowledge of the fields covered in the journal and be skilled in the arts of writing, editing, critical assessment, negotiation, and diplomacy.

#### **Management responsibilities**

The Editor-in-Chief of *Pediatric Research* is responsible to the Trustees of the International Pediatric Research Foundation through the President of the Board of Trustees. This latter post rotates among the three Academic Societies that own the Title of the Journal, the American Pediatric Society, the European Society for Paediatric Research, and the Society for Pediatric Research.

The Editor-in-Chief chairs and is responsible to the Editorial Board of the Journal.

The Editor-in-Chief works closely with the Journal's Editorial Management staff, liaises with the Publisher appointed by the IPRF to publish the Journal, and has primary responsibility for communications with those staff.

#### **DUTIES**

The Editor-in-Chief will

- Publish original, important, well-documented, peer-reviewed articles on a diverse range of scientific topics of interest to the readership.
- Establish the policies for:
  - Submission of manuscripts and criteria for authorship/contributorship
  - Processes for peer review, evaluation of decisions regarding publication, and methods for reconsideration of rejected manuscripts
  - Identification and selection of theme issues and supplements
  - Conflict of interest and disclosure

- Handling allegations and findings of scientific misbehavior and misconduct
  - Instructions to Reviewers, Ethical Guidelines, Editorial Board reports
  - The publication of Editorials, Commentaries, and Reviews
- Provide the IPRF, executive teams of the APA, ESPR and SPR, and the Editorial Board with reports, as requested, on the Journal's activities;
- Convene as a minimum annual meetings of the Editorial Board;
- Attend the Meetings of the IPRF Board of Trustees and executive meetings of the APA, ESPR and SPR as requested;
- Receive, review, and act on complaints from those involved in the publication process;
- Review and approve the journal's yearly budget, as proposed by the managing editor, for approval by the journal's management committee;
- Represent the editorial board in negotiations with the journal's publisher.

#### **EDITORIAL FREEDOM**

The Editor-in-Chief will have complete authority for determining the editorial content within the defined scope of the journal and will participate in the development of the advertising policy.

#### **TERM OF APPOINTMENT**

The individual appointed by the IPRF as Editor-in-Chief is expected to serve in that position for 5 years.

If a person serving as Editor-in-Chief is unable to complete the current term, 6 months' notice should be provided. The Editor-in-Chief may recommend a potential successor to the Society.