

## Do you want to join our Editorial Board?

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In the past few months, the newly formed Editor-in-Chief (EIC) team of *Laboratory Animals* journal (LAJ) has built up an excellent and fruitful collaboration, with each member bringing different scientific experience in various laboratory animal species. This multidisciplinary expertise is essential to the goals of LAJ to promote animal welfare, good practice of laboratory animal science and the 3Rs principle. Furthermore, the EIC team will continue its commitment to openness and transparency in publishing to ensure responsible research integrity, in accordance with the ARRIVE guidelines.

However, the success of LAJ can to be attributed to the extraordinary commitment of the Section Editors, whose expertise and unconditional support to the EIC team is essential. Even in such challenging times as the last 18 months, LAJ's incredible team of section editors fulfilled their duties with strength and enthusiasm, and continued contributing to the ongoing success of the journal. The EIC team highly appreciates this effort, and we are extremely grateful for this extensive support of the laboratory animal science community. A cordial "Thank you" to our Section Editors!

The Editorial Board ensures the quality of LAJ publications and relies on a sound peer reviewing process. The responsibilities of the Section Editors are to select expert reviewers, to lead the peer review, and to advise

the EIC on the fate of the submitted manuscript. To reduce the workload of our existing Section Editors, and to increase the panel of expertise, we are constantly seeking laboratory animal science experts who would like to join our Editorial Board. This would be a unique opportunity to make a direct impact in laboratory animal welfare and science, to engage with junior and senior professionals from different fields of expertise, as well as to be involved directly with the editorial and publishing process. As in any ship, a committed and driven crew remains key to the success of new adventures. It is the ethos in animal care and welfare and its impact on good pre-clinical science that unite all in a strong and growing community. So, you may wish to join the crew, and come onto the Editorial Board as a Section Editor!

The EIC team is strongly committed to building up an engaging, participative and diverse Editorial Board, to continue strengthening the quality of the Journal as a worldwide reference for laboratory animal science. If you are interested in joining our Editorial Board as a Section Editor, please fill in the CV template (Supplementary Material S1) and return it to [lalaccounts@hushmail.com](mailto:lalaccounts@hushmail.com) by the deadline of 30 September 2021.

The success of the journal is down to the crew – join the crew and be part of the success!

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