

European Association of Zoos and Aquaria

Vacancy: Scientific Copy Editor for JZAR



EAZA, the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria, represents and links more than 400 zoos, aquariums, national federations and other organisations in 48 countries. In addition to furthering the professional standards of our Members with regard to the care and accommodation of the animals kept in their collections, EAZA also facilitates cooperation in our key mission areas of conservation, education and research. More than 140 million visits are made to EAZA Members each year.

Journal of Zoo and Aquarium Research (JZAR)

The Journal of Zoo and Aquarium Research (JZAR) is a quarterly scientific, peer-reviewed journal which provides an open access forum for publication of novel, peer-reviewed research papers, reviews, technical reports and evidence-based case studies. Through their living collections, zoos and aquariums are uniquely placed to contribute to conservation-related research. Research categories covered by JZAR include studies in pure and applied biological sciences (e.g. behaviour, genetics, medicine, nutrition, population management and reproduction), in situ conservation research (e.g. socio-economic and field surveys) and research aimed at developing other roles of zoos and aquariums (e.g. visitor learning and marketing surveys).

A section of the Journal of Zoo and Aquarium Research is devoted to submissions of original, previously unpublished, case studies documenting the effects of a husbandry intervention. Evidence-based husbandry for living collections aims to apply the best available evidence gained from the scientific method to decision making. Sharing knowledge about the effects of management and/or husbandry interventions will improve global management of living collections. The vision is that the assessment and dissemination of the effectiveness of husbandry actions will become a routine part of zoological management practice.

Job Description

The Scientific Copy Editor will be responsible for ensuring all accepted manuscripts meet JZAR's requirements for publication, prior to be submitted for typesetting. The role will consist of copy-editing scientific and technical manuscripts to a high standard and in a timely fashion, in order to obtain clarity and maintain consistency with the in-house journal style. The successful candidate will be required to liaise with authors to ensure all elements of the submission are present and correct, and of sufficient high quality for production. The Scientific Copy Editor will be part of a small team therefore, strong interpersonal skills and the flexibility to adapt timeframes and tasks are a necessity.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Liaise with the JZAR team to support the publication of JZAR in a timely fashion;
- Liaise with authors to ensure their submission fulfils JZARs publication requirements;
- Copy edit submissions and contact authors/editors if clarity is required;
- Contribute to the journal's development strategy in collaboration with the JZAR team, Editorial Board and the EAZA Executive Office;
- Prepare an Editor's report for Editorial Board meetings and Research Committee meetings;
- Promote the journal at conferences globally and help market it through various networks.

Required Qualifications and Experience

As the successful candidate you will be educated to degree level with a biological science, veterinary or equivalent degree, and will have understanding of the various disciplines in the fields of zoo biology and/or conservation science. You will have a detailed knowledge of online journals, open access journal models, the scientific peer-review process, and more specifically the requirements to publish in JZAR; it is essential that you have experience working with OJS. You must be a fluent English speaker and have an excellent command of written English. You will demonstrate meticulous attention to detail and strong computer skills, with knowledge of scientific copy-editing and the familiarity with the zoo community.

Experience

- Candidates must have a minimum of one year work experience as a copy editor;
- Experience with standard office word processing is essential;
- Experience working with OJS is essential;
- Experience of working in or with zoos or aquariums is preferred;
- Experience of working in a multidisciplinary team environment is preferred.

Skills

- The ability to work effectively to deadlines and under pressure is paramount;
- Candidates must have excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work across multiple cultures.
- Fluent written and spoken English is essential. The ability to communicate in another European language is preferred;

Working Arrangements

The position of Scientific Copy Editor is a part-time post to be employed on a consultancy agreement basis. The Scientific Copy Editor will not be contracted to EAZA as a staff member. The Scientific Copy Editor will report to JZAR's Managing Editor.

This is a service agreement position equivalent to 22.5 hours per issue. The candidate will be required to work flexibly in response to fluctuation in workload due to the journal's quarterly publication schedule. The position can be based at the successful applicant's home institution. Remuneration will be on an issue by issue basis for four issues per year, at €367 per issue.

Applications and Recruitment Procedure

Interested applicants with the required attributes should send a CV and brief covering letter for the attention of Prof Vicky Melfi at jobs@eaza.net with the subject line "JZAR Scientific Copy Editor – Name of applicant". All applications received will be acknowledged by a return email.

Application deadline: 26 August 2024

Interviews will be arranged according to the location of those candidates selected for interview, to be run in late August/ early September

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only candidates short-listed for interview.