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European Journal of Medical Physics (EJMP) - Physica Medica

Call for applications - Senior Associate Editors 2027

Dear NMO Presidents and Delegates,

EJMP, the official journal of the European Federation of Medical Physics Organisations (EFOMP), is entering a new phase of its editorial development.

In response to the continued growth in manuscript submissions and to the increasing breadth and complexity of medical physics research and clinical practice, EJMP is introducing a new, more distributed editorial structure. The new model is designed to strengthen scientific expertise across the journal, improve the efficiency and consistency of editorial decisions, and maintain high-quality peer review while supporting faster publication times.

We are therefore inviting applications and expressions of interest **by individuals** for **8 Senior Associate Editor (SAE)** positions, each responsible for a defined scientific portfolio.

The 8 Senior Associate Editor portfolios

The positions are:

1. Radiotherapy Delivery

IMRT, VMAT, SFRT, stereotactic radiotherapy, adaptive radiotherapy and MR-guided

radiotherapy

2. Simulation and Treatment Planning

3. Dosimetry in Radiotherapy

4. Artificial Intelligence in Radiotherapy

5. Brachytherapy

6. Artificial Intelligence in Medical Imaging

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7. Ultrasound Imaging

8. Nuclear Medicine Imaging

These portfolios correspond to eight out of the fourteen scientific categories that will be used to facilitate the routing of submitted manuscripts to the appropriate Senior Associate Editor.

The role of the Senior Associate Editor

Senior Associate Editors will play a central role in the new editorial structure of EJMP. Each SAE will be responsible for the scientific and editorial management of manuscripts submitted within their portfolio.

The main responsibilities will include:

- assessing newly submitted manuscripts and making the initial editorial/desk decision;
- identifying an appropriate Associate Editor when a manuscript proceeds to peer review;
- acting directly as Associate Editor and selecting reviewers when appropriate;
- evaluating the final recommendation of the Associate Editor and taking the final editorial decision;
- contributing to a consistent and transparent editorial decision-making framework across the journal;
- working with the Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editors to ensure appropriate scientific expertise throughout the review process;
- participating in quarterly meetings with the Editor-in-Chief to monitor editorial
- performance and address operational or scientific issues;
- contributing to the development of the journal within their area of expertise, including the identification of opportunities for reviews, special issues and other editorial initiatives.
- SAEs will also have the opportunity to suggest Associate Editors with appropriate expertise in their subfield, subject to appointment by the Editor-in-Chief and the relevant stakeholders.

Who should apply?

We particularly welcome applications from **established and active medical physicists** with a strong scientific profile and recognised expertise in one of the eight areas listed above.

Candidates should demonstrate:

- a strong and internationally recognised publication record in the relevant scientific field;
- broad knowledge of the subject area and its current developments;
- experience in scientific peer review and, preferably, previous editorial experience;
- the ability to assess manuscripts critically, fairly and efficiently;
- a commitment to maintaining high standards of scientific quality and integrity;
- the ability and willingness to contribute actively to the editorial management of the journal;
- sufficient availability to undertake the responsibilities of the position on a sustained basis.
- Experience as an Associate Editor of Physica Medica will be considered an important asset.

The new editorial model specifically envisages the progression of current Associate Editors who have demonstrated strong commitment to the journal and are willing to undertake the responsibilities of a Senior Associate Editor.

We also particularly encourage applications from candidates who are actively engaged in **research, education and/or clinical practice,** reflecting the journal's aim to maintain a close connection between scientific research and the practice of medical physics.

A new editorial model for a growing journal

The introduction of the SAE structure is part of a broader transformation of EJMP. The journal received more than 1,000 submissions in 2025, representing substantial growth in recent years. The new model is intended to distribute editorial responsibility more effectively, broaden the scientific expertise available to authors and reviewers, and allow the Editor-in-Chief and Senior Associate Editors to focus more closely on strategic and scientific leadership.

The new editorial workflow will follow a clear pathway:

Submission by scientific category → Senior Associate Editor → Associate Editor →

Reviewers → Editorial decision

The SAE will therefore be the key scientific point of reference for authors submitting manuscripts within their portfolio.

The journal's ambition is to combine high scientific standards, consistency of editorial

decisions and efficient manuscript handling, while strengthening EJMP's position as a leading European journal for clinical and practice-oriented medical physics and radioprotection.

Appointment

Senior Associate Editors will be appointed for **a three-year term**, in accordance with the existing editorial governance framework of EJMP. The appointments will be made by the Publisher **following nomination by the Editor-in-Chief in consultation with EFOMP and AIFM**.

The new editorial structure is scheduled to become operational for new submissions from **1 February 2027**.

How to apply

Applicants should submit:

- a curriculum vitae;
- a brief statement of interest outlining their motivation for joining the editorial team;
- the Senior Associate Editor portfolio for which they wish to be considered;
- a brief description of their relevant scientific and editorial experience;
- a declaration of any potential conflicts of interest relevant to the position.

Applications should be submitted by **31st December 2026** to **secretary@efomp.org**

Sincerely,

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EFOMP Vice President