



Position Description

Editor-in-Chief, *Anesthesia & Analgesia*

Background

Anesthesia & Analgesia is the leading clinical journal in anesthesiology. First published in August 1922, *A&A* celebrates its 100th year in 2022 as the oldest continuously published journal in its field. The official journal of the International Anesthesia Research Society (IARS), *A&A*'s core audience is health care professionals engaged in the disciplines broadly related to anesthesiology: perioperative medicine, critical care, and pain management. *A&A* reports fundamental advances in the sciences of these clinical disciplines and documents the clinical, administrative, and educational advances that guide patient care.

A&A content includes review articles; original clinical and laboratory research reports; practice guidelines; editorials; letters; and features such as The Open Mind, The Human Experience, book and media reviews, and substantial media content, including podcasts, videos, and infographics. Continuing medical education modules are available for two articles in each issue.

Summary of the Editor-in-Chief Role

The Editor-in-Chief develops and executes vision and strategy for *A&A*. The *A&A* Editor-in-Chief reports to the IARS Trustees. *A&A* is published by Wolters Kluwer on behalf of IARS. IARS staff support the Editor-in-Chief and oversees and monitors the quality and timeliness of services provided by the editorial services vendor and publisher.

Responsibilities

Primary responsibilities of the *A&A* Editor-in-Chief include the following:

1. Ensure the highest quality and most relevant science is published in *A&A*, applying analytical and critical skills to maintain the journal's reputation as the leading clinical journal in anesthesiology.
2. Lead the *A&A* Editorial Board in conducting peer reviews of manuscripts submitted for publication, working to optimize the review process for the benefit of all stakeholders and upholding best practices.
3. Drive progress toward clinician education in ways that augment *A&A*'s existing formats.
4. Act as ambassador of *A&A* to the international author/editor/reviewer/member communities interested in clinical anesthesiology, attending relevant meetings and working with staff to increase engagement and attract submissions from the top authors in the field.
5. Nominate to the Editorial Board members who contribute diversity in expertise and representation to *A&A* and its peer review processes.



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6. Maintain oversight of the process for submission and peer review of manuscripts, working with IARS staff to establish policies and guidelines that ensure adherence to best practices and a sufficient pool of expert reviewers to reach conclusions and make decisions on manuscripts in a timely manner.
7. Keep abreast of and work with IARS staff and the Editorial Board to improve A&A metrics, including time to first decision, review time, revision time, submissions received, articles published, rejection rate, usage, citations, and other quantitative and qualitative measures.
8. Drive innovation by proposing and piloting new formats and social media efforts to increase A&A reader engagement and usage.
9. Lead annual meetings of the Editorial Board and maintain regular communications with the Editorial Board and IARS staff in matters related to editorial policies, the composition of the editorial board, editorial peer review, and, as needed, other issues of importance to IARS and medical publishing.
10. Prepare and submit semiannual reports of journal activities to the Trustees.
11. Maintain ongoing communications with the publisher and IARS staff to ensure timely and accurate publication of articles and issues.
12. Work with IARS staff and the publisher to resolve any issues related to scientific integrity.
13. Review proposals for publication of supplements and/or special issues and appoint guest editors as appropriate.
14. Review advertisements as requested prior to publication for compliance with IARS policies.

Term

The term begins officially on April 1, 2024, with transition starting in 2023. The incumbent EIC will work with the new Editor throughout 2023 to ensure a smooth transition in 2024. The Editor-in-Chief of A&A serves for an initial five-year, renewable term.

Qualifications

The A&A Editor-in-Chief will have a broad perspective of the anesthesiology field and be astute to emerging areas of research. A high level of visibility and recognized leadership in rigorous clinical anesthesiology research, scholarly publication, and practice are expected. The successful candidate will have extensive experience with prominent, peer-reviewed scholarly journals as author, peer reviewer, and associate editor, editorial board member, or editor-in-chief; and demonstrate access to a large network of experts working in fields relevant to clinical anesthesiology.

Applicants should be familiar with A&A and its competitors and have the ability to articulate a clear and compelling vision for the future of A&A. Excellent organizational and interpersonal skills and sufficient time available to meet the demands of Editor-in-Chief of a monthly, peer-reviewed journal are essential. Diversity and inclusion, in all their forms, are essential to the IARS. The Editor-in-Chief will be committed to progressing diversity, equity and inclusion among A&A's editorial board and reviewers as well as in science, research, and patient care through the Journal.