

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

World Journal of Surgery (WJS)
International Society of Surgery (ISS)
Société Internationale de Chirurgie (SIC)

JOB DESCRIPTION

INTRODUCTION

ISS, through its EIC Search Committee, comprised of members of the ISS Executive Committee, is recruiting a new Editor-in-Chief for *World Journal of Surgery (WJS)*, with a view to interview candidates in April 2024 and executing a contract with the selected candidate by the end of July. Following International Surgical Week ISW 2024 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, August 25 – 29, 2024, the new Editor-in-Chief's team will officially start receiving submissions for review and will replace the Interim Co-Editors once onboarding is completed. The deadline for applications is **March 24, 2024**. Self-nominations are strongly encouraged.

The EIC Search Committee is seeking applications from academics with broad knowledge of research, practice and education across all areas of surgery. Applicants should demonstrate a compelling strategic vision for the journal's development and differentiation from other reputable journals in the field; outstanding academic achievement; excellent communication skills; a collaborative leadership style; a sincere commitment to inclusion, diversity, access and equity; a clear understanding of trends in scientific journal publishing, including understanding Open Access and the deployment of social media channels; an international network of colleagues; and significant editorial experience.

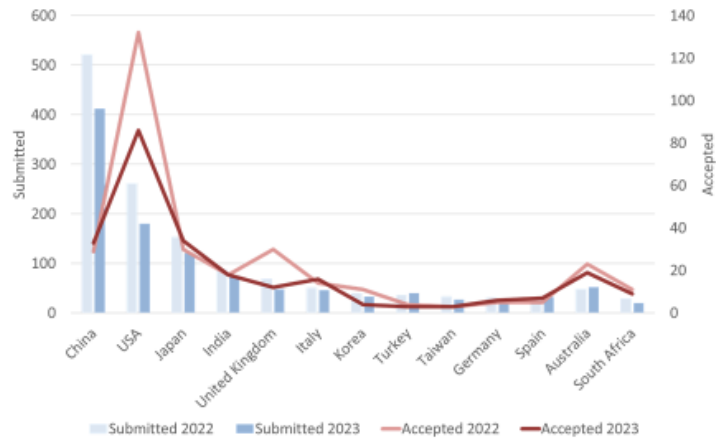
ABOUT WJS

WJS provides an in-depth, international forum for the most authoritative information on major clinical problems in the fields of clinical and experimental surgery, surgical education, and socioeconomic aspects of surgical care. Contributions are reviewed and selected by a group of distinguished surgeons from across the world who make up the Editorial Board. The journal is particularly interested in recruiting authors from the global community of surgery specialists, including surgeons still in the early stages of their careers.

WJS is published by Wiley, see <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14322323>, where links can also be found to the Editorial Board, the archive of published issues, and other useful information. The journal's 2022 Impact Factor is 2.6.

SUBMISSIONS DATA

Editorial Office Statistics: Top Countries 2022 and 2023



	Submitted 2022	Submitted 2023	Accepted 2022	Accepted 2023
China	521	412	29	33
USA	261	180	132	86
Japan	153	121	30	34
India	88	76	18	18
United Kingdom	69	48	30	12
Italy	50	46	14	16
Korea	39	33	11	4
Turkey	36	40	4	3
Taiwan	33	27	3	3
Germany	30	19	5	6
Spain	27	32	5	7
Australia	48	52	23	19
South Africa	29	20	11	9

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
WJS Total Submissions	2096	2187	2741	2017	1849	1660	12550
Original Article	1652	1715	1941	1430	1247	1374	9359
Total Decisioned	2068	2153	2440	2156	1613	1562	11992
Accept	347	513	405	469	325	377	2436
Reject	1721	1640	2035	1687	1288	1185	9556
Acceptance Rate	16.8%	23.8%	16.6%	21.8%	20.1%	24.1%	20.3%
Rejection Rate	83.2%	76.2%	83.4%	78.2%	79.9%	75.9%	79.7%
Transfer	228	227	265	187	119	220	1246
Average Days to First Decision	40	37	26	29	30	26	31
Average Days to Final Decision Accept	116	118	81	94	73	63	91
Average Days to Final Decision Reject	40	36	25	27	27	27	30

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

General Scope of Responsibilities

The Editor-in-Chief shall strive to:

- Publish authoritative and high quality clinical and research papers from the international community of authors across all areas of surgery;
- Identify emerging areas of importance and actively solicit the best work being done in those areas;
- Ensure that attention is paid to the principles of diversity, inclusion, access and equity in all journal-related activities and relationships;
- Promote the scientific exchange of ideas to advance the field and related areas of interest to the readership of the journal;
- Take full advantage of web-based journal features, including virtual issues, podcasts, webinars, blogs, and social media activities.
- Support and enhance the vitality and mission of the ISS.

Governance

The EIC reports to the ISS Executive Committee and Council and works within the approved editorial budget for stipends and honoraria. The EIC is responsible for the journal's content at the granular level of decisions about submitted articles. However, the EIC is expected to work collaboratively with the ISS Executive Committee, Council, and Publisher (Wiley) to ensure that the journal strategy is well aligned with the Society and Publishing strategy.

Editorial Responsibilities

Upon the advice of the Editorial Board, the EIC shall have complete and final authority for the selection, editorial modification, and quality of all materials published. The specific responsibilities of the EIC shall include:

- a. Establishing the Editorial Board for the journal (Associate Editors and Editorial Board Members), consisting of distinguished international researchers, scientists, and practitioners across the field. The EIC will demonstrate commitment to diversity, inclusion, access, and equity in editorial and reviewer recruitment and author relations.
- b. Working with the ISS and the Publisher to develop strategies for editorial development of *WJS*, including deploying electronic features available through the publisher's journal website, developing plans and strategies to attract the most impactful research papers in support of the journal's Impact Factor, developing special features, and attending strategy and planning meetings arranged by the ISS or the Publisher.
- c. Engaging the Editorial Board in discussing the continuous improvement and development of the journal, improving their understanding of criteria for selecting papers, and expanding coverage in new areas.
- d. Arranging appropriate, timely, and efficient peer-review procedures for the contributions submitted for publication in the journal and utilizing the manuscript tracking system provided by the Publisher.
- e. Participating in editorial meetings and meetings with Wiley and the ISS.
- f. Preparing annual reports to the ISS Council and Executive Committee, showing the acceptance rate, rate of submission, origin of submitted and accepted papers, time lag to first decision and final decision and other statistics that will indicate the health of the journal.
- g. Ensuring that his or her conduct conforms to the highest standards of professional conduct and scientific integrity, including strict adherence to the ISS and Journal conflict of interest policies; is consistent with all applicable laws, regulations and publication standards and reflects positively on ISS; and promotes the same standards of conduct by the Associate Editors.
- h. Submitting his or her conflict of interest statement annually to the Executive Director of ISS.

Term

The EIC will serve a single one-time term of four (4) years, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2028, with the possibility of one additional 4-year term with mutual agreement of the EIC and the ISS.

Honorarium

ISS will pay the EIC an annual honorarium as approved by the ISS Council.

Editorial Budget

The EIC must adhere to the editorial budget, which includes the honoraria for Associate Editors

and approved expenses. The EIC must notify staff in August of any desired increases in the number or honoraria of Associate Editors for the following year.

Office Support

The journal is fully supported administratively by the Managing Editor, Ms. Laura Shearer, Portland, OR.

Author Guidelines

See <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/14322323/homepage/author-guidelines>

Further Information

Additional information on the journal's submissions, citations/impact factor, readership and activities is available upon request from:

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APPLICATIONS

Applications should include:

- Full CV
- A letter of two pages or less summarizing your vision and goals for *WJS* over the next 4 years

Completed applications should be sent by **March 24, 2024** to the Chair, *WJS* EIC Search Committee, c/o surgery@iss-sic.com.