

The key to improving the peer-review process and rewarding the reviewer's activity: Publons registration

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Dear readers,

As editor of the Stomatology Edu Journal, I attended the webinars organized by Clarivate Analytics. This is where I found out a series of extremely useful information in my editorial task. This is how I learned about Publons, a site which is part of Clarivate Analytics, and its importance in an editor's activity. Therefore, to improve the peer-review process and to make the activity of the reviewers more visible, we have registered the Stomatology Edu Journal in Publons. <https://publons.com/journal/70355/stomatology-edu-journal>

Opening access to reviews and assigning publication credits to the best reviews is one of the latest achievements of the current digitization.

The proliferation of scientific journals poses a lot of problems to editors in recruiting reviewers. An estimated 63 million hours were devoted to peer-review in 2015, out of which 18.9 million hours were provided by the top 5% contributing reviewers [1].

From now on, the Stomatology Edu Journal belongs to the family of over 250 dental journals included in the constellation of over 2,400 Publons partner journals.

We recommend that you stop being a reluctant reviewer and join the more than 490,000 Publons experts to monitor, review and submit your review contributions to our field.

From now on, any review can be automatically added to your profile by submitting a "Thank you for reviewing" email to reviews@publons.com. Publons will privately check your activity and get credible evidence for your CV.

From the next issue of the Stomatology Edu Journal, we recommend that you do not allow any of your reviews unregistered. If you are not registered as a reviewer in Publons yet, after reading this Editorial, you can create a free reviewer profile as early as today by signing up for <https://publons.com/account/signup/>.

By registering with Publons you will meet the world's best reviewers in our field and you will get quantitative data on your research work in case global research is cited, reused, read and so on.

Publons is integrated with all peer-review systems to provide peer-reviewers with instant recognition of their contributions in line with the journal review policies.

Publons is integrated into the reviewer workflow so academics can monitor and verify every review and editorial contribution on the fly and in complete compliance with the journal review policies.

By 2013 Publons has archived and processed 66,224 reviews from 3,675 journals. Reviewers were granted credits for the posted items and were able to export their records to their IDs for editorial and academic promotion and research funding applications [2]. In recognition of an "outstanding contribution" on "time, quality and frequency", Elsevier awarded certificates of excellence to 25 of the best reviewers for each title in 35 journals [3].

Reviews posted on academic platforms, like Publons, can identify the best contributors, whom we invite to continue reviewing and to whom we want to offer significant editorial positions in the new editorial board.

Every year Publons rewards the best reviewers in the world honoring them with the Peer Review Awards to certify the quality, rigor and innovation in their field [4]. In its methodology to assess researchers, Publons uses the 22 Essential Science Indicators (ESI), as they stand for broad research areas that are aligned with the Web of Science - the most trusted citation index for scientific and scholarly research.

Our goal is clearly defined, namely to assist the authors who support the over 180,000 readers of the Stomatology Edu Journal by streamlining peer-review process and by reducing the processing time from four weeks to two weeks and finally seven days. By improving the peer-review process management, as of 2019, the loyal readers of the Stomatology Edu Journal can hope to receive a new issue from the new editorial team every two months.

So help us, God!

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