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Editor-in-Chief

HPB is an international forum providing readers with leading articles, expert reviews, original articles, images, editorials, and reader correspondence encompassing all aspects of benign and malignant hepatobiliary disease and its management. **HPB** features relevant aspects of clinical and translational research and practice.

HPB is indexed in Medline and has an Impact Factor of 2.918, placing the journal at 38/199 in the surgery, and 33/78 in the gastroenterology and hepatology Impact Factor categories, above many longer established surgical journals.

IHPBA is seeking a new Editor-in-Chief to replace Professor James Garden who will have served for ten years at the end of his tenure in December 2018. The Association and specialty have benefited enormously from the leadership and vision that Professor Garden has demonstrated during his tenure, and during this time he and his editorial team have overseen the growth of HPB as a vibrant, widely read publication with a growing impact factor.

Our publisher, Elsevier, provides for the editorial team a budget to cover editorial costs including honoraria and travel.

Responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief include:

- Recruiting high quality manuscript submissions to the journal
- Developing and maintaining standards for the acceptance of manuscripts to ensure the scientific standing of HPB
- Dealing with any publication ethical issues according to COPE guidelines
- Directing the peer review and selection of submitted manuscripts for publication
- Communicating editorial suggestions and decisions to authors in a timely and efficient manner
- Editing accepted manuscripts to meet the journal's 'house style'
- Selection and organization of the content of each monthly issue of the journal to meet the agreed annual publications schedule
- Making recommendations, for approval by IHPBA, for candidates to serve on the Editorial Board or as Associate Editors
- Contributing to the journal's development strategy in collaboration with the editorial team, IHPBA and Elsevier
- Working to improve the quality and impact of the journal
- Attending conferences and other events to represent the journal, to identify topics and authors, and to keep up to date with current developments in HPB surgery
- Chairing Editor and Editorial Board meetings
- Attending annual IHPBA Council meetings as an ex-officio member of Council
- Working as an ambassador for the journal to attract readers and authors

These responsibilities have required a minimum of five days away from home each year. In addition, it is anticipated that approximately ten hours per week will require to be devoted to editorial activities and the other responsibilities of the role.

The ideal candidate will have an established reputation in the field of HPB surgery, be in active clinical practice and have a solid track record in academic publishing. Having an international profile and standing, the candidate will have established networks and prior experience of working on peer-reviewed journals, having served as a regular journal reviewer and on editorial boards or preferably in an editorial capacity, and will demonstrate sound scientific judgment. Applicants must have excellent leadership, written and communication skills, a reputation for fairness and the ability to work in collaboration with the editorial team, editorial board, IHPBA and Elsevier.

The journal currently receives over 500 submissions a year and so the ability to meet deadlines and respond to submissions in a regular and timely manner is essential. Consideration of applicants is not limited by geographical location.

The successful candidate will assume the position of Editor-Elect in early 2018, with participation in the review and assignment of incoming manuscripts taking place from appointment. The Editor-Elect will assume full responsibility as Editor-in-Chief during the last quarter of 2018, upon mutual agreement of IHPBA, Professor Garden and the successful candidate. The post is for an initial term of five years, with the possibility of renewal.

The IHPBA Publications and Communications Committee invites any person interested in being considered for this prestigious position to submit a letter of interest, including details of previous editorial experience, a vision for the future of HPB and full curriculum vitae to Alison Shamwana, IHPBA Executive Director via email at alison@ihpba.org. The deadline for applications is **1 July 2017**.