

# WORLD LEISURE JOURNAL

OPEN CALL FOR EDITOR IN-CHIEF

(deadline: Tuesday 10th May 2022)



# ***The World Leisure Journal (WLJ)***

As the official journal of the World Leisure Organisation (WLO), the purpose of the *World Leisure Journal* is to stimulate and communicate research, theory, and critical thought in regard to all forms of leisure. These include social activity, play, recreation, the arts and culture, sport, festivals, events and celebrations, health and fitness, and travel and tourism. In the journal these areas are conceptualized as leisure phenomena and examined in the context of the growing body of international leisure-related theory and scholarship. Empirical and theoretical manuscripts, as well as position papers, review articles, and critical essays are published in the *World Leisure Journal*.

## ***The WLJ's editor-in-chief***

The *World Leisure Journal* (WLJ) Editor-in-Chief is responsible for providing oversight to the journal. The Editor-in-Chief requires maintaining high standards and ensuring the timely and judicious soliciting and management of manuscripts reflecting the variance of leisure themes, interest and forms of scholarship from throughout the world.

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

The WLJ's Editor-in-Chief duties and responsibilities include:

- 1) to provide leadership to the WLJ including content and format;
- 2) to develop long and short range plans for journal content;
- 3) to develop policies pertaining to the management of solicited and unsolicited manuscripts;
- 4) to encourage the submission of special issue proposals and organize special issues;
- 5) to encourage the submission of articles to the journal from academics and independent researchers situated around the world;
- 6) to give unbiased consideration to each manuscript submitted and to judge each on its merits, without regard to race, religion, nationality, gender, age, disability, political alignment, sexual orientation, seniority, or institutional affiliation of the author(s);

- 7) to cause to have peer-reviewed such manuscripts or to reject such manuscripts without peer review when these manuscripts are considered inappropriate for the journal's scope;
- 8) to make decisions on acceptability of such manuscripts following peer review;
- 9) to refer any ethical, copyright or legal issues to the WLO and Publisher;
- 10) to undertake general editorial duties for the Journal.
- 11) to promote and increase the impact factor of the journal and citation and usage of the journal's content;
- 12) to promote the journal electronically, via the Editor-in-Chief's networks, and via attendance at appropriate conferences;
- 13) to select and implement appropriate new communications technologies;
- 14) to work with an active Editorial Board appointed by the WLO;
- 15) to appoint the Advisory Board of the journal upon consultation with the members of the Editorial Board and the WLO's Board of Directors;
- 16) to ensure the members of the Editorial Board and Advisory Board are regularly updated about the journal and facilitate their input into its development;
- 17) to communicate with the Publisher and the Assistant Editor to ensure a publication of the highest standards and on-time delivery;
- 18) to meet all of the obligations of the journal under the terms of the contract agreed with the Publisher, and
- 19) to liaise with and report regularly to WLO's Board of Directors and Committees – and in particular with the Research and Knowledge Transfer Committee (RKTC);
- 20) to act with good faith as Editor of the Journal and to work in partnership with the Publisher to achieve prosperity and success for the Journal during the period of Editorship; and
- 21) not to act, during the Term, nor for two (2) years after its termination or expiration, as an editor for an existing journal nor prepare for publication a new journal which would be likely to affect prejudicially, in the opinion of the WLO and Publisher, the prosperity of the Journal, nor send manuscripts submitted to the Journal to any other journal or any other publisher, without the written consent of the WLO and Publisher.

# Selection Criteria

Candidates will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Proven strong academic record in the leisure field (at least three articles published in high impact journals).
- Proven experience in similar positions and/or related to academic journals more broadly.
- Previous experience in academic editorial work.
- Proven proficiency in academic writing and editing.
- Excellent written English language proficiency.
- Experience in international organizations.
- Current WLO premium membership.

## Appointment and Term

The Editor-in-Chief is appointed via an open call for applications. Applications will be assessed by the WLO's Research and Knowledge Transfer Committee (RKTC), which will make a recommendation to the WLO Board of Directors for approval of the appointment.

Appointment is for an initial term of 3 years beginning on July 1, 2022 and concluding on June 30, 2025. Reappointment is possible for one additional term following a review and a favorable recommendation to the WLO's Board of Directors.

The first year will be a probationary period, after which the Editor-in-Chief will elaborate a report for the WLO's Board of Directors, and his/her performance will be assessed against the duties and responsibilities indicated in this call and further developed in the contract to be signed by the WLO and the appointed Editor-in-Chief. A negative assessment entitles the WLO to rescind the contract after one year.

# Application

To present your candidature to the position of the World Leisure Journal's Editor-in-Chief for the period 2022-2024. Please send this Application Form to WLO Secretariat ([secretariat@worldleisure.org](mailto:secretariat@worldleisure.org)) by **Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 12pm CEST**, together with the following documents, indicating in the e-mail subject "WLJ – Call for Editor-in-Chief".

## Timeline

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Deadline for applications submission (extended)
11 <sup>th</sup> May-31 <sup>st</sup> May	Evaluation of applications and interview
June	Communication of the selection and signature of the agreement
Friday 1st July 2022	New Editor-in-Chief starts their term



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## APPLICATION FORM

Information to be provided: \* Obligatory

### NAME\*

<i>Prefix*</i>	<i>Name*</i>	<i>Surname*</i>

### E-MAIL\*

<i>example@example.com*</i>

### INSTITUTION\*

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### COUNTRY\*

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Please describe your previous experience related to academic publications and the impact of your work (max. 200 words)\*

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Please explain your strengths in relation to the selection criteria in this call (max. 200 words)\*

Please explain your motivations to become the *World Leisure Journal's* Editor-in-Chief (max. 200 words)\*

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- Candidate's letter expressing the proposed goals for the journal including any proposed changes to the journal (max. 2 pages – longer files will be rejected) (attachment)\*
- Candidate's CV (max. 5 pages – longer files will be rejected) (attachment)\*
- Sample of published papers (attachment – please provide a single PDF file)\*
- Reference/support letters from two people in the field (attachment – please provide a single PDF file)\*