

Impact Assessment & Project Appraisal

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Call for expressions of interest for the position of journal editor

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Angus Morrison-Saunders and Francois Retief have jointly edited *Impact Assessment & Project Appraisal* (IAPA) since 2008 doing an excellent job. It is approaching the normal end of their term as editors, and they have signalled their intention to step down. Consequently, the International Association for Impact Assessment ([IAIA](http://www.iaia.org)) now seeks to recruit a replacement editorial team to commence full duties from the beginning of 2015 (or other timing by arrangement).

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST DUE 31 May 2014

Please email all correspondence to the Chair of the IAPA Editorial Board,
Prof Frank Vanclay <frank.vanclay@rug.nl>

Impact Assessment & Project Appraisal is a double-blind, peer-reviewed journal published by Taylor & Francis on behalf of IAIA. An application to be included in Thomson Reuters ISI/Web of Knowledge is currently being assessed. The journal performs well in the various measures of journal performance and is perhaps the leading journal in the field of impact assessment. The journal contains refereed articles and professional practice papers, editorials and commentary, and book reviews. A separate Book Review Editor position is shared by Luis Sanchez and Davide Geneletti.

IAIA publishes papers on all aspects associated with the assessment of projects, programs, plans and policies (environmental, social, health, technology, integrated, sustainability, etc). It is an interdisciplinary, professional journal that covers a range of applied, practical issues, as well as analysis of policy, discussions of theoretical and methodological topics, and issues relevant to professional reflexivity.

The ideal editor(s) will have acknowledged expertise in at least one area of impact assessment or related area relevant to the journal, and must also have proven interest in and support for the range of other disciplines the journal covers. The applicant (or applicant team) should display appropriate skill, enthusiasm and commitment, and must be a member of IAIA. Evidence of administrative skills and previous publishing and/or editing experience are expected. Good English skills are essential. Institutional support, at least in terms of providing time and IT support (internet access etc), is essential.

The Editor is intended to liaise with the IAPA Editorial Board. Applications from individuals or teams are invited. While applications from individuals will be fully considered, there is a preference for partnership arrangements involving people (one or at most two other individuals) who are not co-located so that the geographical and intellectual width of the editorial team is broadened. Where teams are proposed, some discussion of working arrangements will be expected, including nominating one person to be the key contact person.

There will be a preliminary trial period of appointment of 2 years. Should performance during this period prove acceptable to both parties, subsequent two year terms will be offered up to a maximum period of 6 years from initial appointment. Because of the significance of the journal to the reputation of IAIA, irrespective of these terms of appointment, the IAIA Board of Directors reserves the right to terminate an appointment for inadequate performance or for any other reason without explanation.

A modest honorarium is paid by the publisher to the editorial team. The stipend is indexed annually, and currently is between USD \$5,000 and \$6,000 per year for the team. The Editor(s) is expected to report annually to the IAPA Editorial Board and to attend IAIA's annual conferences.

Statement of the Editor's duties

With the oversight of the Editorial Board, the editor is expected to:

- be a driving force in generally developing and enhancing the journal, in conjunction with the IAPA Editorial Board and the journal's publisher, Taylor & Francis;
- be the primary representative of IAIA in dealing with the publisher, especially for all technical matters associated with publishing the journal;
- exercise professional editorial discretion in relation to all matters associated with managing the journal, with the assistance of the Editorial Board as warranted;
- solicit quality papers within the field of impact assessment and related areas;
- manage papers submitted to the journal, including receiving papers, liaising with authors, selecting and liaising with referees, and liaising with the publisher;
- ensure that papers forwarded to the publisher are of publishable quality and are of an appropriate standard of English expression;
- assist and coordinate with the subeditors of any special sections, such as the Book Review section;
- in conjunction with the Editorial Board, commission guest editors to produce special issues of the journal on topical issues;
- assist/mentor and monitor the guest editors of special issues of the journal;
- in conjunction with the Editorial Board, take a leading role in monitoring how well the journal reflects IAIA and reader needs and interests,
- be creative in suggesting new features and initiatives to ensure that the journal remains relevant to IAIA;
- participate in the selection of the annual Best Paper by providing to the Editorial Board a short-list of the papers that best meet the journal's objectives;
- be publicly identifiable as the journal's editor and be a champion of the journal both within IAIA and the wider professional community;
- attend the annual IAIA conferences, promote and represent the journal as appropriate, for example by leading a "Meet the Editor" workshop at each conference;
- participate in Editorial Board discussions, and provide timely updates when requested.

Selection Criteria

Interested applicants are asked to submit:

- a short statement (i.e. ½ page or so) describing their competency/qualifications, especially as this pertains to the field of impact assessment;
- a short statement describing their experience in editing and/or publishing;
- a brief statement saying why they are interested in being the IAPA editor;
- a short description of their vision for the future of IAPA and any plans for the journal;
- an indication of the support their institution or agency will provide;
- a CV or resume including a list of publications; and
- if a team, the previous joint activities of the team and how the team will operate as a team.

Selection Process

A selection committee comprising a subset of the IAPA Editorial Board chaired by Prof Frank Vanclay will review the applications and will make a recommendation to the IAIA Board. All submitted proposals will receive a prompt acknowledgement of receipt and will be treated in the strictest confidence. IAIA reserves the right in its absolute discretion at any time to:

- Terminate this request for proposals or cease to proceed with the process
- Make any changes it deems appropriate to the selection process including to the selection criteria
- Vary or extend any time or date implied in the request for proposals
- Terminate further participation of any applicant for any reason and without any explanation
- Require additional information or clarification from any applicant as it sees fit
- Negotiate with one or more applicants irrespective of whether a formal proposal was submitted or not
- Call for new expressions of interest
- Reject any proposal received after the stated closing date
- Reject any proposal that does not adequately address the points specified.

With a 31 May 2014 closing date for receipt of applications, following committee deliberations and IAIA Board endorsement, it is expected that the successful applicant will be notified in early September. It is possible that skype interviews may be held with shortlisted candidates. A transition process will occur to enable the efficient transfer from outgoing to incoming editors. Some flexibility in timing can be accommodated.

Questions and Submission of Expressions of Interest

Please direct all questions relating to this call for expressions of interest and submit proposals to the Chair of the Editorial Board: Prof Frank Vanclay, Department of Cultural Geography, Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen, THE NETHERLANDS. Email: frank.vanclay@rug.nl