International Journal of Food Science & Technology: Editor-in-Chief Vacancy

Applications are invited for the post of Editor-in-Chief for International Journal of Food Science & Technology.

International Journal of Food Science & Technology is an international, authoritative and well established monthly Journal publishing a wide range of subjects in food science and technology. The Journal is owned by the Institute of Food Science & Technology (IFST) and published by Wiley-Blackwell.

The current Editor-in-Chief is stepping down in November 2013. The Journal has developed strongly under the current Editorship, and IFST and Wiley-Blackwell wish to appoint a successor capable of building upon the Journal’s existing record of publishing relevant and high quality original research and reviews in food science and technology. The Editor-in-Chief will be appointed by and report to representatives from the IFST and from Wiley-Blackwell. The Editor-in-Chief will be supported by three Associate Editors and an Editorial Office.

The ideal candidate will have:

- An international reputation and preferably an established network of contacts working within food science and technology and associated areas of research;
- The passion, commitment, and strategic vision to make International Journal of Food Science & Technology the ‘Journal of choice’ for authors and readers;
- A proactive and forward thinking approach to develop the Journal in line with agreed objectives;
- An awareness of where the subject and publishing sector will be in five years’ time and of emerging trends in the subject area;
- Strong academic credentials and a track record of publishing in high quality academic journals;
- Previous experience on high quality journals at reviewer level is required and previous experience at editorial board, associate editor or editor level is desirable;
- Leadership qualities and an ability to motivate authors, reviewers, and the Editorial Team;
- A basic understanding of the business models adopted by the Journal;
- The ability and time to juggle Journal editorship with any other professional or academic commitments.

A more detailed description of the role is available on request but the key responsibilities include:

- In collaboration with the IFST and Wiley-Blackwell, developing, implementing and maintaining a strategic plan for the Journal;
- Assisting the IFST and Wiley-Blackwell in promoting the Journal wherever possible through contacts and at conferences;
- Setting editorial policy and scholarly standards of the Journal, and maintaining and improving those standards;
- Seeking contributions to the Journal and managing the peer review process for such contributions;
- Accept and rejecting contributions to the Journal in line with the scholarly standards of the Journal;
- Working collaboratively with the Wiley-Blackwell Editorial Office and Associate Editors to monitor key performance measures and acceptance and rejection rates;
- Managing the Editorial Board to ensure it is international and broad in scope, and communicating with the Editorial Board on a regular basis.

Applications are invited from individuals working in any area of food science and technology. All candidates should submit their formal CV together with a covering letter outlining their suitability for the role. Potential candidates will be selected by representatives from the IFST and Wiley-Blackwell. If formal interviews are required these can be arranged by tele- or video-conference for candidates applying from outside of the UK.

The position is for three years, commencing 1st November 2013, and carries an annual honorarium plus an expenses payment. The initial term may be extended by mutual agreement. For more information or for further discussion of the role, please email Rosie Trice (Wiley-Blackwell) and Pete Belton (IFST) at rtrice@wiley.com.

Applications should be submitted by email to Rosie Trice (rtrice@wiley.com). The closing date for applications is 15th March 2013.