



Editor-in-Chief

The College of Optometrists' scientific journal Ophthalmic and Physiological Optics (OPO)

We are seeking a replacement for Professor Chris Dickinson who will stand down in December 2009 after ten years dedicated service as Editor-in-Chief.

Ophthalmic and Physiological Optics (OPO) deals with the basic aspects of visual science and clinical and applied matters relevant to the practice and application of optometry.

OPO provides an important contribution to the College's Research strategy, and has the potential to play an increasingly valuable role its delivery.

The journal is published six times a year, on behalf of the College by Wiley-Blackwell, to a large international subscriber base. OPO is also available in electronic copy for all College members, with printed copies available on request.

The main functions of the Editor-in-Chief are: strategic management; Editorial Board management; seeking contributions to the journal, manuscript management and journal promotion. The Editor-in-Chief will be required to liaise with the Publisher and the College to maintain and improve the volume and quality of contributions, the range and number of readers, and build on its international status.

The Editor-in-Chief must possess the following skills:

- Broad knowledge of clinical and applied vision science research and practice on an international level
- An awareness of current trends within the profession
- Sound scientific judgement
- Leadership qualities and commercial awareness
- Excellent written and verbal communication
- Ability to meet tight deadlines

The successful Editor-in-Chief must be able to provide evidence of a good track record of publications and presentations at conferences, and have an extensive international network of contacts.

Please note that the Editor-in-Chief requires a commitment to delivering services for a number of hours each week, access to, and familiarity with, journal databases and the possibility of additional days required for meetings and conferences. In light of this, a modest honorarium is granted for the provision of Editor-in-Chief services. Consideration will be given to this being on a freelance basis. The College provides additional support to the Journal, where appropriate.

If you are interested in this opportunity to become the Editor-in-Chief, OPO, please send a covering letter, a curriculum vitae, and strategy document (detailing your ideas and suggestions for the strategic development of the Journal) before the closing date of September 21st 2009 to: Wingyee Chan, The College of Optometrists, 42 Craven Street, London, WC2N 5NG. E-mail: Wingyee.Chan@college-optometrists.org Tel: 020 7839 6000.