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Editor , J Obstet Gynecol India

Past President , FOGSI

Past Chairman , Indian College O& G

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Editorial Requirements

- PG Degree
- Academic experience & expertise / bent
- Teaching experience & Guiding PG thesis
- Good clinical experience
- Research capability -
 - Nuances of research ♦ Randomisation ♦ Statistics.
- Publications in authentic journals

Editorial Requirements

- Peer reviewer for Journals
- Command over language
- Editorial experience

Member Editorial board

Editing publications - Books , etc .

- Good at public relations
- Conveniently located
- I T expertise
- **FORMAL TRAINING !**

Selection of Editor

- Advertisement & Interview
- Promotion
- Recommendation by retiring Editor / Ed . Board
- Election by society

Duration of office

- Need security & stability
- 3-4 years - continuity of policies
change to avoid stagnation

Editorial Board -

Editorial side - 3-5 members

Administrative side - 2-3 members

Entry at lower end of the ladder

Stepwise promotion as Editor in 12-15 yrs -

PROS & CONS

Editorial Policies

- Transparency
- Clear instructions to authors
- Blinding for Peer reviewing & Editing
- Difficult to get good Peer reviewers
- Accusations - Regional bias ♦ Favoritism
 - ♦ Teaching vs Non teaching
 - ♦ Urban vs Rural

Editorial Freedom

- Society to decide basic policies -
 - Frequency of publication
 - Subscription
 - Non-academic content
- No interference in -
 - Academic content
 - Day - to - Day working
- Advisory board to supervise & not interfere

Office Premises

Journal Office

Society Office

None !

Finances

- Non- Profit making
- Must be self sufficient
- Subscription + Ad revenue = Cost
- Subsidy from society

Purpose of the Journal

- Platform for Indian authors
- To reach Scientists & Students
- But Libraries lack funds
- Free subscription to libraries
- Free access to Website
- COST !

Indian Clinical Journals are edited by amateur editors , busy with clinical practice , having no formal training in the Science , Art & Skill of editing and working without remuneration .

Journals lack financial stability .

Good articles are difficult to come by .

Good Peer Reviewers are rare .

Editors better be Jack of all trades .

Editors are doing a daunting ,
thankless and stressful job under great
pressure .

Editors need

Good ad agency

Professional copy editors

Quality Printers

Competent PROOF-READERS

Professional mailers

Efficient website managers .

Good Biostatistician

All the support from the society

Mushrooming Superspeciality Journals

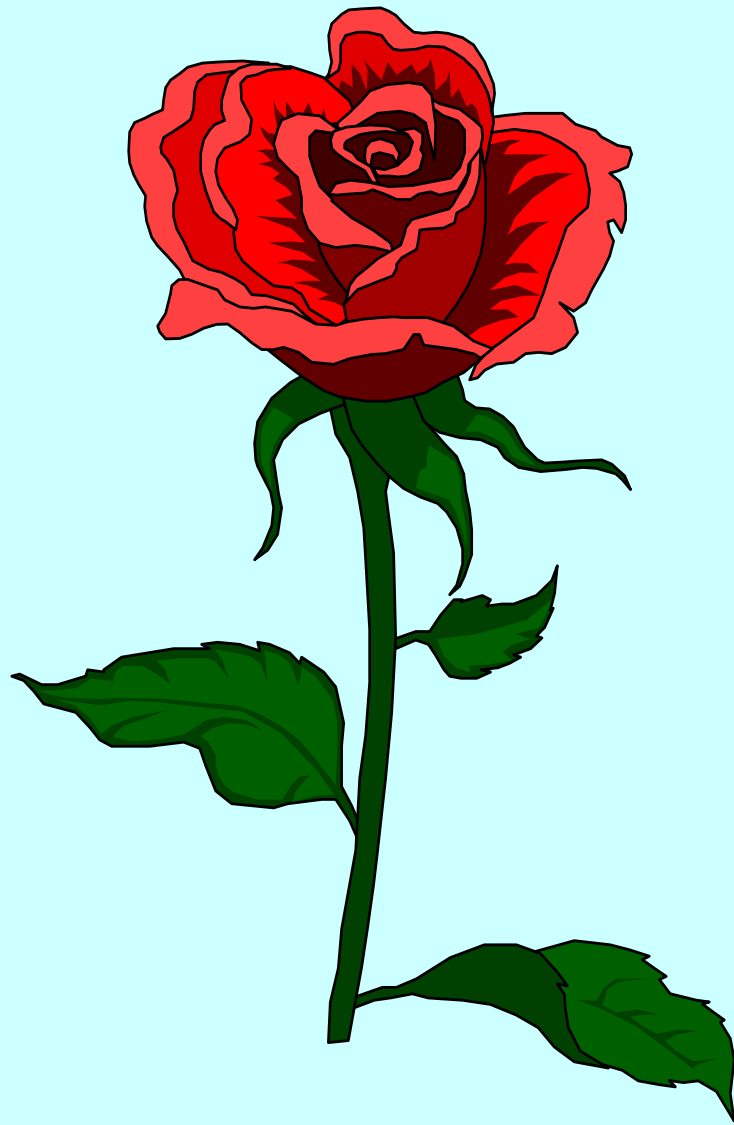
- Robust & healthy would survive
- Others better merge with speciality Journals

Good Professional
Publishers can be a boon to
Journal Editors by providing
expertise , efficiency, quality
production , premises , good
financial management etc .

Commercial International Publishers are building a monopoly by mergers and acquisitions and are wanting to gobble up good & well performing Indian journals .
EDITORS BE AWARE !

We need an Association of Editors of Indian Medical Journals

- To discuss common problems & solutions
- To establish training facilities for
Researchers , Authors , Peer Reviewers
and Editors .
- To guide and help achieve National ,
Regional & International Indexing



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