

New publication policy for the journal *European Cytokine Network* in 2008

The Editors and the Publisher of the journal *European Cytokine Network* are pleased to announce several important changes which will affect publication policy as of 2008.

European Cytokine Network becomes an “**e-journal only**”.

This change will affect neither the indexing of accepted papers in the most important bibliographic scientific databases (such as *PubMed*), nor the journal's Impact Factor.

The quarterly publication dates of *ECN* issues will not be affected: N°1 in March, N°2 in June, N°3 in September, and N°4 in December.

Corresponding authors, *ECN* subscribers, and *European Cytokine Society (ECS)* members will receive by email access codes giving free access to the journal's latest issues (+ free access to *ECN* archives), and the possibility to download any article in pdf format.

Two new sections

The Editors will promote a voluntary policy to boost the number of *ECN* papers as well as their scientific quality and impact, by introducing:

Hot Topics - Short Opinions in which renowned scientists will be asked by the editors of *ECN* to describe, within their field of expertise, Hot Topics subjects which they favour, in one or two pages.

Junior Review Papers in which young investigators will have the opportunity to submit a review paper based on their theses. A Junior Review Paper should be an upgraded version of a dissertation prepared under the supervision of the young scientist's mentor (who will co-sign the review). These reviews will be evaluated according to the regular *ECN* process and, if accepted, will entitle the junior author to a special prize of 100 € from the *ECS*. To be eligible, the submitting authors must be members of the *ECS*.

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ECN's ethical publication policy, which has always been respectful and supportive for our submitting authors, **remains unchanged**.

Since the launch of *European Cytokine Network* 18 years ago, the Editors have promoted a specific **ethical publication policy** which has always been firmly supported by the journal's Publisher. We shall actively maintain the free-of-charge publication policy for most submitted Research Articles and some Solicited Review Articles, as well as the editorial staff's close attention to submitted articles.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed actively to the life of *ECN* over the last 18 years. We, the Editors and Publisher, trust that you will appreciate the change detailed above, and maintain your collaboration and support.



On behalf of *ECN* editorial staff:
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