

FBS Seminar - *Meet the Editor*

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Science & Publishing - the editorial process at *The EMBO Journal*

Abstract

The peer reviewed research paper remains the main conduit for the exchange of research discoveries. With the diversification and growth of global research, publishing in selected journals and citation metrics are increasingly employed as surrogates for quality in research assessment. Consequently, the pressure to publish in a handful of journals has increased, putting the peer review system under strain.

My talk will shortly summarize EMBO's organizational aim and activities and I will provide an overview of the four journals published by EMBO as an academic organization. I will discuss the current challenges and developments in research output and publishing. Importantly, the editorial process as run at *The EMBO Journal* will be explained, thus outlining function and daily routines of scientific editors. As the pressures to publish increase, ethical abuses have come to the fore. I will discuss examples and how we address the problem. Finally, I will present a number of policies that EMBO has implemented under its 'transparent peer review' scheme and that ensure a fast, fair and informed editorial process.



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Note: This seminar will be presented in English.