

A joint statement from Pippa Smart and Duncan Nicholas about the changes to the EASE presidency

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Pippa Smart writes: It is with some sadness that I announce my resignation as President of EASE. Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances I am not able to devote sufficient time to the Association, so I have made the decision to step down a year before my term of office terminates. I am delighted, however, to announce that Duncan Nicholas, one of our two Vice Presidents, has agreed to step into the breach as the Interim President until the elections next year. He will be ably supported by Ines Steffens, our other Vice President, and I am confident that the Association will be in very capable hands with Duncan at the helm.

Duncan Nicholas writes: I am sure you will join me in thanking Pippa for her many years of dedicated and proactive contributions to EASE, the support she has shown over the years, and which she will no doubt continue to give us in the future.

I have been a member of EASE for 12 years and part of the science editing community for 16, in that time I have learned a great deal from the many inspiring members of the Association, and I am delighted and honoured to be able to step in as Interim President for the next year. I look forward to helping us continue the fantastic projects that our Council, community groups and member committees have been working on over the last few years.

It is a very exciting time in the history of EASE. We have made some big changes and developments, with more ideas to come which will support our members' activities, champion the skills and services of our members, and bring you even more unique features and benefits for your EASE membership

Among our recent successes, we have run our first [Virtual Conference](#), relaunched [European Science Editing](#) as a fully open access journal on a modern, progressive platform, re-imagined our printed member-publication as the [EASE Digest](#), published new [statements, manifestos and resources](#) that have been circulating widely, and supported the launch and activities of our [Regional Chapters](#), [Gender Policy](#) and [Peer Review](#) Committees.

Thank you again to Pippa for handing over the reins. I look forward to working with her, and all of you, over the next 12 months as we continue building EASE into an ever more valuable, and recognisable pillar of the scientific editing community.

Kind regards

Pippa Smart and Duncan Nicholas