ASTRO seeks Editor for new open-access journal

Fairfax, Va., January 14, 2015 — The American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) is seeking an editor for its new open-access journal. This new, online-only, open-access journal will provide practical and clinical information for the radiation oncology community and complement ASTRO’s two highly successful journals, International Journal of Radiation Oncology • Biology • Physics (Red Journal) and Practical Radiation Oncology (PRO). The new open-access journal will be published online-only and will be supported by article processing charges.

The incoming editor will work closely with ASTRO’s Board of Directors, and the editors and staff of Red Journal and PRO to finalize the new journal, build the editorial board for the journal, and begin soliciting and reviewing papers. The new open-access journal is expected to launch online in late 2015, and access to accepted and published manuscripts will be free of charge without a subscription. Additional details about the new journal, including the title, will be announced when finalized later this year.

“ASTRO is proud to launch this new open-access journal that will fill a critical need to publish important radiation oncology research that exceeds the publishing capacity of our current journals,” said ASTRO Chair Bruce G. Haffty, MD, FASTRO. “This open-access journal will be peer-reviewed and provide a sound distribution platform for quality studies related to our specialty. Together with Red Journal and PRO, this open-access journal will solidify ASTRO’s role as the leading publisher of radiation oncology science, research and education.”
Ideal candidates will:

- Have notable professional expertise in radiation oncology, including an advanced degree in the related sciences.
- Be committed to the launch, growth and improvement of this new open-access journal, and be a strong advocate for the open-access platform.
- Possess strong attention to detail and excellent follow-through.
- Be committed to maintaining comprehensive communications and a close working relationship with ASTRO’s Board of Directors and staff, and the publisher.
- Be committed to maintaining the journal and its editorial board, which will be representative of the scientific and professional diversity of ASTRO’s members.
- Have substantial experience writing, editing and reviewing scientific manuscripts.
- Be able to make the significant time commitment to the journal for the full, five-year term of the position.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:
The editor is responsible for evaluating and selecting materials submitted for publication in the journal; promptly responding to communications regarding the journal; appointing and working closely with the editorial board on final selections of all manuscripts; developing and implementing improvements to journal; ensuring proper communication and tracking systems are in place in the editorial office and coordinating with the publishing staff. In addition, the editor will work collaboratively with the publisher and ASTRO on efforts to finalize and launch this new journal.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES:
Candidates must indicate their institution’s willingness to commit to providing adequate time to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of the editor.
INFORMATION AND DEADLINES:
The term of the editor is expected to begin in early 2015. The editor’s term will be for five years, beginning immediately upon acceptance, and will be renewable once. To apply, please submit a letter of interest detailing your qualifications for the position, along with a brief statement of your vision for the new journal and your CV to Katherine Bennett at katherineb@astro.org. Letters of interest will be accepted through March 15, 2015.

ABOUT ASTRO

ASTRO is the premier radiation oncology society in the world, with nearly 11,000 members who are physicians, nurses, biologists, physicists, radiation therapists, dosimetrists and other health care professionals that specialize in treating patients with radiation therapies. As the leading organization in radiation oncology, the Society is dedicated to improving patient care through professional education and training, support for clinical practice and health policy standards, advancement of science and research, and advocacy. ASTRO publishes two medical journals, International Journal of Radiation Oncology • Biology • Physics (www.redjournal.org) and Practical Radiation Oncology (www.practicalradonc.org); developed and maintains an extensive patient website, www.rtanswers.org; and created the Radiation Oncology Institute (www.roinstitute.org), a non-profit foundation to support research and education efforts around the world that enhance and confirm the critical role of radiation therapy in improving cancer treatment. To learn more about ASTRO, visit www.astro.org.

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