



**International Society of the Learning Sciences**

## ***Call for ijCSCL Editor-in-Chief for 2016***

The International Society of the Learning Sciences (ISLS) is searching for a new Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Computer-Supported Collaborative Learning (ijCSCL)* for 2016–2019. Applications will be welcomed either from an individual or from a team of co-Editors-in-Chief.

*ijCSCL* is a journal of, by and for the international CSCL research community, and, as such, applications are encouraged from active international members of this community.

The *ijCSCL* Editor-in-Chief position has a four-year term beginning in January 2016. Upon approval by the ISLS Board of Directors, the incoming *ijCSCL* Editor(s)-in-Chief will begin working with the outgoing Editor-in-Chief and the *ijCSCL* Executive Editors for transitioning into the position. The first journal issue for which the incoming Editor(s) will be responsible is March 2016.

### ***[1] Responsibilities of the Position of ijCSCL Editor-in-Chief***

#### **Journal Production and Responsibilities**

The position of Editor-in-Chief may be filled by an individual or by a team of two or three individuals.

The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for producing four issues of *ijCSCL* per year, as specified in the contract between ISLS and Springer.

The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for serving as the primary representative of the *ijCSCL* journal. This includes fulfilling the following duties or supervising delegates to fulfill them:

- Representing the journal as needed at ISLS Board meetings, ISLS Board retreats, CSCL Committee meetings, ICLS conferences and CSCL conferences.
- Preparing an annual report to the ISLS Board.
- Maintaining contact with Springer concerning issues that arise.
- Working with the Executive Editors in managing the journal organization and the peer-review process.
- Inviting new reviewers, *ijCSCL* Board members, Associate Editors and Executive Editors.
- Organizing an annual *ijCSCL* Board meeting.
- Coordinating the production of each *ijCSCL* issue, with accepted papers, introductory essays.
- Soliciting submission of manuscripts and responding to inquiries from potential authors.
- Supervising a Managing Editor if there is one. The Managing Editor supports authors of accepted papers in editing final copy and communicates with them and with the Springer staff who process submissions.
- Supervising a Website Manager if there is one. The Website Manager maintains the *ijCSCL* website and adds prepublication versions of all published *ijCSCL* papers.



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Successful candidates for the position of Editor-in-Chief of *ijCSCL* will meet the following criteria:

### Journal Organization and Management

Candidates for the editorship must show evidence of being able to provide strong visionary leadership to the journal and to administer the timely processing of manuscripts each quarter. They must have demonstrable management skills and be committed to working with the *ijCSCL* Executive Editors and other *ijCSCL* Board members, as well as with the ISLS Board and the CSCL Committee.

### Vision

Candidates must:

- Indicate clearly the vision that they have, not only for ensuring that *ijCSCL* continues to be a premier journal, but also for taking the organization into the future through innovative and creative leadership. This vision should be consistent with the published mission of *ijCSCL*.
- Be committed to a diversity of styles of research and ensure that the review process remains international, to reflect multiple perspectives and global diversity.
- Be committed to the journal being a medium for communication and community building of, by and for the CSCL research community.
- Have a broad understanding of theories, methods, pedagogies and technologies that are currently popular in CSCL research.

### Personal Qualifications

- Be an active member of ISLS with high visibility within the organization, such as having been a regular presenter at CSCL conferences.
- Be an active participant in the *ijCSCL* editorial process, such as having had experience in the *ijCSCL* editorial leadership or service on the editorial board.
- Be a respected scholar in CSCL, have a strong research record of publication in high-quality journals, relevant conferences and other publications.
- Be an established researcher in CSCL, having been involved in funded research and inter-lab collaborations.
- Possess excellent writing and editing skills in English.
- Have a demonstrated capacity for mentorship and an interest in assisting authors in producing high-quality publications.

### Institutional Commitments

- If possible, obtain a written commitment of support from your institution, in which the type of institutional support which can be provided during your term as Editor-in-Chief is specified. Examples of such support may include, but are not limited to, editorial assistance, committee-assignment release, reduction of teaching load, or material support.



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### Springer Commitments

- Financial support is contractually provided by Springer to cover some editorial expenses and operating expenses, such as salary for journal staff or expenses for meetings, travel, advertising and so on.

### **[2] Application Process**

#### **a. *ijCSCL* Editor Search Committee**

The ISLS Board has charged a search committee for filling the position of Editor-in-Chief of *ijCSCL*, with the following members:

- Eleni Kyza, ISLS Past President, Search Committee Chair
- Gerry Stahl, current Editor-in-Chief of *ijCSCL*
- Nancy Law, Executive Editor of *ijCSCL*
- Ulrike Cress, Executive Editor of *ijCSCL*
- Kim Gomez, ISLS Publications Committee Chair
- Timothy Koschmann, ISLS Board member
- William Sandoval, ISLS Board member
- Carolyn Penstein-Rose, representative of the CSCL Committee of ISLS

The search committee can be contacted at: [search@ijcscl.org](mailto:search@ijcscl.org)

#### **b. Application process**

##### ***Letter of Intent and Inquiries:***

- Please feel free to contact the search committee with any questions about the position or the application process.
- Potential applicants are highly encouraged to email the search committee a brief statement of intent as soon as possible, indicating if they intend to apply individually or as part of a team. This will help the search committee plan its work. Potential applicants may request informal feedback concerning their application.

##### ***Application:***

The application packet should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Letter of application summarizing qualifications. In case of a team application, each person should submit an application, indicating a preference to serve with specific team members. Note that the search committee will make the final decision about team composition.
- Vision statement concerning *ijCSCL* and CSCL in the next four years.
- Abbreviated curriculum vitae (maximum of five pages).
- Names and email addresses of three professional references.
- Description and documentation of institutional commitment.



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### ***Deadlines:***

Letter of intent should be submitted as early as possible at: [search@ijcscl.org](mailto:search@ijcscl.org).

All final applications must be submitted by **October 21, 2015**, at: [search@ijcscl.org](mailto:search@ijcscl.org).

The search committee will recommend selection of an Editor-in-Chief or a team. The composition of a team will be decided by the search committee in consultation with the applicants.

The recommendation will be reviewed by the CSCL Committee and the ISLS Board.

We hope to announce the selection of new Editor-in-Chief(s) by December 21, 2015.

The appointment of the new Editor-in-Chief will be effective January 1, 2016.