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Name:

That the name of the publication be the **European Journal of Clinical Hypnosis**, also to be known as the EJCH and referred to as the Journal.

Policy:

The editorial policy of the EJCH is to promote the highest ethical principles and standards of professional practice in clinical hypnosis and to encourage interest, understanding and acceptance of hypnosis as a therapeutic resource.

The Journal will promote the case for rigorous standards of training and stringent standards of ethical practice. It will seek to promote a sense of unity among those practising hypnosis therapeutically and provide a forum enabling the exchange of information.

The Journal will not promote the use of hypnosis in the field of entertainment nor will it support training in hypnotherapy by use of distance learning techniques.

The Journal, in order to protect itself from commercial pressures and influences, will not accept paid advertising.

The EJCH will promote international links and its Editor will be prepared to consider articles submitted for publication from anywhere in the world, from authors of any nationality.

Editorial articles:

There will be two categories of articles – (i) Clinical and (ii) General.

Clinical papers will be submitted to one of a panel of referees prior to acceptance for publication.

Exceptions for referring will be those papers which have already appeared in other refereed journals, either in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and which are re-published with permission.

Authors of clinical articles will not be informed of the identity of the referees to whom their papers are submitted – and referees will not know the identity of the authors until publication. Authors may be asked to amend their papers in the light of the referees' comments.

The Journal will also publish general articles including anonymised case histories, inductions or therapeutic techniques and theories.

Exchange of information:

By means of such articles the EJCH will seek to provide a medium through which those engaged in both experimental hypnosis and hypnotherapy can communicate and exchange ideas with professional colleagues.

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The EJCH will regard it as the author's responsibility to obtain permission to quote material that has appeared in another journal.

Promoting clinical hypnosis:

Among the aims of the EJCH is the promotion of a wider acceptance of hypnosis in the perception of the public as a valid and a valuable therapeutic technique. To this end copies of each issue will be distributed to the media and the EJCH will actively seek to counter misconceptions about clinical hypnosis amongst the public and the media. It is the policy of the EJCH to promote understanding and appreciation of the applications to which hypnotherapy can be employed and the level of training and professional expertise required. The intention is to publish a Journal that will enhance the standing of hypnotherapy while establishing a reputation for itself as authoritative and always readable.

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Membership of the Editorial Advisory Board will be at the discretion of the Editor. The Editor and the Board will have the right to co-opt new members as deemed necessary. The responsibility of the Editorial Advisory Board will be to influence the development of the EJCH and to provide advice and guidance to the Editor.

The Editorial Advisory Board has power to amend this Constitution.

The Editorial Advisory Board will meet at least once a year with all members being given prior notice of at least two months. Members of the Panel of Referees may also be invited to attend and take part in such meetings.

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An extraordinary general meeting of the Editorial Advisory Board may be called if a majority of Board members request it.

Membership of the Panel of Referees will be at the invitation of the Editor.

The Editor will appoint Associate Editors to whom he can delegate work at his discretion.

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