



## **POLICY BRIEF**

# **Transfer of the South Eastern European Journal of Public Health to the Netherlands Press**

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In 2014, the first volume of a new open access journal was published by Jacobs Publishing House, that is the South Eastern European Journal of Public Health (SEEJPH) [1]. The wide range of countries of the corresponding authors appearing in most volumes published in the SEEJPH represents the successful global orientation of SEEJPH [2]. In addition, more than half of all related articles are classified as original papers, and the average of four authors per represented paper is comforting [2].

With the new year 2023, however, the SEEJPH has been transferred from Jacobs Publishing House to the Netherlands Press, as the University of Bielefeld cannot host the Journal after the 31st of December 2022.

The Journal's design has been modernized but the mission remains as follows:

“The South Eastern European Journal of Public Health (SEEJPH) is an open-access international peer-reviewed journal involving all areas of health sciences and public health. Devoted to global health SEEJPH welcomes submissions of scientists, researchers, and practitioners from all over the world, but particularly pertinent to southern and eastern countries in transition.” [3].

Professors Genc Burazeri and Ulrich Laaser will stay respectively as Executive and Founding Editors, and so will the Board of Editors, the Board of Regional Editors, the Advisory Editorial Board, and the Board of Emeritae and Emeriti.

We have to thank our board members, authors, and readers for almost a decade of fullhearted and competent support and advice as well as the Library of the University of Bielefeld for the highly competent technical environment provided throughout these years.

Of note, the transfer to a new publisher, which will eventually boost the impact of the journal, faces unavoidably some challenges related to transition of the online system, hosting issues, and other related technological problems. This is the “price” of any transfer which will ultimately materialize in a better profiling of the journal. We would, therefore, kindly ask for the patience and understanding of our network of collaborators and submitting authors.

We look forward to a fruitful cooperation with the new publishing company and our global network!



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