

19th Nov 2010

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Dear Ger,

Re: Affiliation between European Association of Organic Geochemists and Organic Geochemistry

It gives me great pleasure to confirm our offer to affiliate the journal 'Organic Geochemistry' (the 'Journal') published and owned by Elsevier Ltd (the 'Publisher') with the European Association of Organic Geochemists (the 'Society'). Set out below are the terms and conditions relating to this affiliation, commencing as of 1st January 2011.

Ownership and Rights

The Publisher shall be, as between the parties, the owner of all rights in the Journal, including without limitation the trademark rights and copyright. The Society grants the Publisher the right to indicate that it is associated with the Journal. The notice: Official Journal of the European Association of Organic Geochemists, along with the seal or other trade mark representing the Society, as designated by the Society, may be printed on the cover of, and in other prominent locations within, the Journal. The Publisher may use the name and description of the Society and may also mention its collaboration with the Society in connection with its promotion and distribution of the Journal. The trade name, seal and other identifying trademarks of the Society will continue to be owned by the Society.

Editorial, Promotion, Production, and Distribution

The Society agrees that the current Aims and Scope of the Journal as set forth in Annex 1 are consistent with the Society's purpose. With respect to all matters regarding editorial operations, promotion, production, and distribution of the Journal, the Publisher retains all responsibilities, duties, and rights. Each party will identify a representative to be the principal point of contact for the other with respect to the Journal. Papers shall normally be published on the Elsevier website within 3 months of receipt from the Editors in Chief.

Student Research Scholarship

Once the collection of the journal subscriptions and EAOG member dues has been transferred to the EAOG in 2012, the Publisher will provide sponsorship up to a maximum of 5000 EUR in research scholarships per year, based on conditions to be agreed separately. These Research Scholarships are awarded to young scientists to enable them to experience research in a host laboratory. The sponsored award will be known as the "Elsevier Research Scholarship" and details of this award will be communicated to the EAOG membership each year and noted on the Society homepage as a stand-alone research award as named above.

Editors in Chief and Associate Editors of the journal

Editors in Chief will be selected by both the Board of the Society in consultation with the Publisher, whereby the Publisher has the final decision. The Publisher will be responsible for payment of any monetary support to the Editors in Chief. The Associate Editors will be appointed by the Editors in Chief in consultation and agreement with the Publisher.

Member Subscriptions

For the year 2011 the print and on-line subscription rate to the Journal for individual members of the Society ('Members') will be €56 EUR, which is a heavily Elsevier sponsored rate. The on-line only subscription rate will be €50 EUR. Thereafter the Member rate will increase by no more than 10% per annum for the duration of the agreement. The Member rate does not include any sales or similar taxes required by law.

For the 2011 subscription year only, Members will make subscription payments and payments for membership dues directly to the Publisher. The Publisher will send print and on-line or on-line only details for the Journal and notices of subscription renewals directly to Member subscribers. The subscription year shall run from January to December 2011. The Publisher will reimburse the Society for membership fees received in July 2011, to cover subscriptions from Jan – Dec 2011, and in January 2012 to cover any late subscriptions from 2011.

For the 2012 subscription year onwards, the Society shall have the sole responsibility for renewing membership dues, but Members will make journal subscription payments directly to the Publisher, including any discounted subscriptions for conference attendees at the 2011 conference. The online only subscription rate for attendees at the 2011 IMOG conference rate, excluding membership dues, will be €50. This rate will be reviewed once every 2 years, ahead of the IMOG conference, in line with the member rate outlined above.

The move to on-line only subscriptions will be reviewed by the Publisher on a yearly basis and a decision as to whether to discontinue the print journal for EAOG society members will be given by Elsevier via the Publisher by the 30th August at the latest each year.

During the term of this Agreement, the Society will receive a complimentary online subscription to the Journal for office use. The Publisher will also during the term make available up to 4 pages per issue to the Society, free-of-charge, for publicising Society events and information. The Publisher and the Society will set up reciprocal links between the website of the Journal and the home page of the Society's website. On request, in the January following the end of a subscription year, the Publisher will provide the Society with figures for the number of Members who subscribed at the Member rate.

Society Responsibilities

The Society will use its best efforts to promote the Journal to the Members and to the relevant scientific discipline, will endeavour to stimulate the submission of papers of the highest professional standard, and will include regular prominent announcements of the subscription rate for Members in the Society newsletter, website and other publicity material, free of charge. The Society shall make clear to Members that Member subscriptions will be for personal use only and may not be placed in institutional or university libraries or other libraries and/or organizations, nor may any personal subscriptions be used for library purposes.

The Society agrees to provide the Publisher, free of charge, with the opportunity to market the journal by sending marketing material to the IMOG conference.

In order to ensure the scientific and commercial success of the Journal, the Society agrees that it will not directly be involved in any other publishing activities that compete with or otherwise negatively affect the commercial opportunities of the Publisher with respect to the Journal and will not sponsor, publish nor affiliate itself with any other scientific journal in the same or related fields.

Term of Agreement

This Agreement will run for an initial term of 3 years from 1st January 2011 through 31st December 2013. Thereafter it will be renewed automatically for 1 year periods unless either the Society or the Publisher gives notice to the contrary at least six (6) months before the end of the period that it wishes to end this Agreement. However, either the Society or the Publisher may also end the Agreement prior to the end of a relevant period if the other party has failed to perform any of its important obligations (as described in this Agreement) after being notified of such failure and without any reasonably acceptable resolution within 45 days of such notice, and the Publisher may terminate this Agreement upon six (6) months written notice in the event it decides to cease publication of the Journal. The Publisher may, without prior written consent of the Society, assign this Agreement to an affiliate or subsidiary or if it sells or transfers all or substantially all of its assets.

In the event of expiration or termination of this Agreement, all obligations on the part of the Publisher shall cease, as shall the obligation to provide Member subscriptions at the rates described herein.

General

This Agreement and its construction, validity and effect shall be governed by the laws of England and Wales, without giving effect to the choice of law provisions thereof, regardless of the place of its execution or performance.

If you are in agreement with these terms, please sign both of these originals, retaining one for your files and returning the other to me for our files.

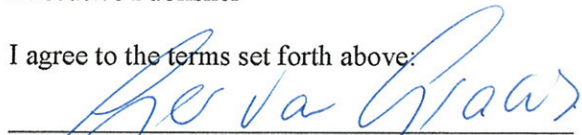
Yours sincerely,

Bethan Keall



Executive Publisher

I agree to the terms set forth above:


Ger W. Van Graas, President EAOG

Date: 17/1-2011

Anne Kitson,
Senior Vice-President, Elsevier Ltd.

Date: _____

Philippe Terheggen,
Senior Vice-President, Elsevier B.V.

Date: _____

Annex 1

Aims and Scope of the Journal

The Official Journal of the European Association of Organic Geochemists

Organic Geochemistry serves as the only dedicated medium for the publication of peer-reviewed research on all phases of geochemistry in which organic compounds play a major role. The Editors welcome contributions covering a wide spectrum of subjects in the geosciences broadly based on organic chemistry (including molecular and isotopic geochemistry), and involving geology, biogeochemistry, environmental geochemistry, chemical oceanography and hydrology. The scope of the journal includes research involving petroleum (including natural gas) coal, organic matter in the aqueous environment and recent sediments, organic-rich rocks and soils and the role of organics in the geochemical cycling of the elements. Sedimentological, paleontological and organic petrographic studies will also be considered for publication, provided that they are geochemically oriented. Papers cover the full range of research activities in organic geochemistry, and include comprehensive review articles, technical communications, discussion/reply correspondence and short technical notes. Peer-reviews organised through two Chief Editors and a staff of Associate Editors, are conducted by well known, respected scientists from academia, government and industry. The journal also publishes reviews of books, announcements of important conferences and meetings and other matters of direct interest to the organic geochemical community.

An index bound in last issue of calendar year.

More information about the European Association of Organic Geochemists can be found on the Internet via <http://eaog.ncl.ac.uk/>.