

## Correspondence

### Joining the European Association of Science Editors

As a junior Somali doctor practicing psychiatry, I learned about the European Association of Science Editors (EASE) through an international partnership project between Somalia and the King's College London and joined this organization as a sponsored member in October 2012. I was confident that the membership could be helpful for advancing my experience in science writing and editing and for establishing medical journalism in the region.

My knowledge and skills, which are now largely based on information from the EASE *Science Editors' Handbook*, resource library of AuthorAID and the *European Science Editing* journal allowed me to run the newly launched *Somaliland Medical Association Journal* and the bi-annual newsletter of the Amoud Medical School (English & Somali), where I took the post of Editor in Chief.

Through the EASE network, I established ties with the AuthorAID community. The AuthorAID Resource Library and the Online Course for Researchers from Developing Countries were also useful for upgrading my writing and

editing skills. Thanks to all these, I managed to publish several papers on in-patient care and psychiatric services in Somali in great journals such as the *American Journal of Psychiatry* and the *Arab Journal of Psychiatry*. Several other papers have also been written and prepared for submission. Importantly, my colleagues and supervisors from the global health centre, King's College London, who worked on several joint projects, generously supported and contributed to my papers, mostly by helping with the language-related issues.

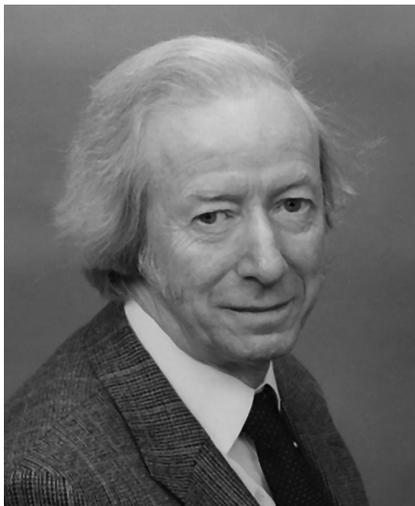
I feel that I must thank Dr Joan Marsh, President of EASE, Tina Wheeler, Secretary at EASE, and Dr Daniel Fekadu from the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London, for their guidance and extensive support over the past few years. Special thanks go to Hervé Maisonneuve, Editor Emeritus of *European Science Editing*, for sponsoring my membership of EASE.

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## John W. Glen:

### a deserving recipient of the Richardson Medal



The IGS has awarded the Society's Richardson Medal to John Glen. Appropriately, John received the medal at the 2013 IGS British Branch meeting in Loughborough, as John was instrumental in founding the British Branch back in 1974, and 2013 marks the 60th anniversary of his original appointment to the Advisory Committee of the *Journal of Glaciology*.

John Glen's contribution to the field of Glaciology, and to the International Glaciological Society has been outstanding, has earned international recognition, and has continued over a period of about 65 years. John has served either as the *Journal of Glaciology* Chief Editor or as a member of the Editorial Board for a period, this year, of 60 years.



*'In recognition of 60 years of service as an Editor of the Journal of Glaciology, of continuous participation in meetings of the IGS and especially of the British Branch Meetings, and of a lifetime of personal engagement with the people who conduct glaciological research, so as to improve both the quality of their science and the effectiveness of their communication, the IGS awards the Richardson Medal to John W. Glen.'*