



Editing for *Appetite*

Executive Editors

Each of the co-Executive Editors handles full-length submissions for which the Corresponding Author has nominated her or him. The Editor decides if the paper is eligible to appear in *Appetite* – that is, includes data or ideas relating to activities involving food or drink – and then invites experts in the relevant area(s) of research to advise on the paper's contribution to knowledge. In the light normally of at least two of these peer reviews, particularly the comments to help the author(s) improve the manuscript, the Editor decides what sort of revision appears to be necessary and even that the paper should be published exactly as submitted or, at the opposite extreme, is not and cannot be made suitable for publication. The Editor then considers any revised version with the authors' responses to reviews and further comments from the previous or new reviewers if judged desirable and decides if all the issues have been appropriately addressed in what the readers would see on publication.

Advisory Editors

Appetite continues to draw strength in addition from a large team of Advisory Editors who provide advice on or review submissions in their specified subject areas of full-length papers received by Executive Editors. Many Advisory Editors have agreed further to be open within their own research fields to the submission of Short Communications (taking no more than four printed pages when published). Executive Editors may also consider Short Communications - and indeed may decide that a full-length submission should be revised to be within the space limit of a Short Communication. However, the Executive Editors appreciate the help of Advisory Editors and the Corresponding Authors of the briefer submissions in keeping them free when possible to concentrate on full-length submissions.

We are grateful to former Executive Editors who agree to continue to grace the journal with their repute and to provide advice and reviews in their subject areas. In particular we thank Dr Ilene Bernstein and Dr Albert J. Stunkard for continuing in this advisory role as they step down from serving as co-Executive Editors.

Dr Stunkard has been an Editor of *Appetite* from its start in 1980, first an Advisory Editor but shortly thereafter on the Executive, contributing his long personal experience and enthusiasm over an extraordinarily wide range of behavioural, social and biomedical research on obesity, eating disorders and food intake. We wish him many productive years relieved from these major editorial duties.

Dr Bernstein kindly agreed to extend her term of service as an Executive Editor during 2006. Her personal research reputation in both human developmental psychobiology and animal behavioural neuroscience has been a most important strength of the journal and we wish her continued success without the distractions from a continual flow of decisions to make on others' papers.

Appointments to the Executive team demonstrate this journal's continued dedication to the full range of science and scholarship from ingestion by animals (which Executive Editor Simon Thornton includes in his expertise) to our cultural histories, and from the environmental and economic contexts of obesity to the technological and sensory aspects of the food supply. We hope that each of our contemporaries flourishes with its particular focus on, for example, food in society, consumer testing, disordered eating or the physiology of intake. We offer the no less important opportunity for each of these specific approaches, and others, to communicate also to those with wider interests in the latest advances in understanding of the appetite for food and drink that is shared across species and cultures around the world.

Online submission

Over a year ago now, Elsevier adapted their online gateway for authors and the automated editorial and reviewing system to the particular needs of this journal. This has proved to be much more convenient for authors, editors and reviewers than postal (or email) submission, reviewing and decisions, particularly since these require manual records of key names and dates. Therefore all manuscripts should now be sent online to an appropriately selected editor via <http://ees.elsevier.com/appetite>

Full-length reviews or reports must go to an Executive Editor.

Short Communications should preferably go to an Advisory Editor, accompanied by an independent review and approval if wished (or entering "not applicable" in that file at the authors' gateway).

Offers of short items such as book reviews or critical notices by qualified researchers, books for review from publishers or authors, and reports or announcements of meetings, should be submitted first as a proposal within the Short Communication format to an Advisory Editor in the relevant area; then, if the Editor approves by deciding on "revision," the final version of the manuscript should be submitted in due course as the revised version of that Short Communication. A comment on a published or accepted paper should be submitted straightaway in final form as a Short Communication.

A proposal for a Special Section (e.g., a meeting-based or purely written symposium or a keynote paper with commentary and reply) or a set of Abstracts from an international meeting should be sent first to the Coordinating Editor, as a full-length online submission with the title and outline of contents and length as the manuscript (plus a covering letter), who will then advise on the editing process and eventual transmission of the final document.

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