



## Description

It is that time of the year when we celebrate the process of peer review with a week-long celebration of the Peer Review Week (PRW). The scholarly publishing community is now aware of the enormous contribution made by peer reviews to every form of scientific communication. This awareness [had initiated the Peer Review Week celebrations in 2015](#) and this year marks the 5<sup>th</sup> year of PRW.

We celebrate the Peer Review Week every year in the month of September, however, the dates may vary. This year, the Peer Review Week starts from September 16-20<sup>th</sup>. With each passing year, the theme of event keeps varying. This year's theme is "Quality in Peer Review," with the significance being in maintaining quality standards throughout the peer-review process. Peer review helps maintain the quality of scientific work that is published on a regular basis. It also ensures the reproducibility and standard of the research. Researchers believe overwhelmingly that peer review is a system that works and improves research.

## Save the Dates! The Schedule is Up!

The wait is over! We are all set for the celebrations of the Peer Review Week, beginning from Monday, September 16. Here is how you can be part of our week-long celebrations:

1. On Monday, September 16, [tune in to our podcast](#) on "*Challenges in Maintaining the Quality of Peer Review*" by Dr. Jan De Beer, learned professor and research coordinator from Woosong University and expand your knowledge on the difficulties that experienced researchers face as peer reviewers.
2. On Tuesday, September 17, you can read our article on "*How Peer Review Week Evolved*" that will give you highlights on the themes of the Peer Week for every year and its significance in the academic community.
3. For Wednesday, September 18, we will be [hosting a webinar](#) "*How to Become a Peer Reviewer: Doing Your Share for the Research Community*", conducted by Prof. Michael Prieler, a distinguished researcher from Hallym University, South Korea. Prof. Prieler will provide you with insights on peer reviewing and tips on how to become a peer reviewer.
4. On Thursday, September 19, you can check out our infographic on "*Quality of Peer Review*" and get insights on how to maintain the quality of published scientific research through the peer-review process.

5. For the last day Friday, September 20, guess what? We will be going live on Facebook! Our team of experts would be available live sharp at 7 AM EDT to answer your questions on peer review. So gather all your queries and share them with us on our [Facebook page](#)!

Besides the above, we also have a quiz designed especially for Peer Review Week. So [test your knowledge](#) on peer review and stand a chance to win some exciting gifts!

## Live Updates!

### Friday | September 20, 2019

Cell Press is [hosting a webinar](#) with John Pham (Editor-in-Chief, Cell), Quincey Justman (Editor-in-Chief, Cell Systems), Shawwna Buttery (Editor-in-Chief, STAR Protocols), Jonathan Saxe (Senior Editor, Cell Stem Cell), and Ilaria Cianchetta (Scientific Editor, Chem). They will share their views on the scenes behind the peer review process.

### Thursday | September 19, 2019

1. Council of Science Editors (CSE) will be hosting a free webinar on “Maintaining Quality Peer Review When Submission Trends and Journal Structures Change,” with Dana Compton, Editorial Director, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Jennifer Regala, Managing Editor, *The Plant Cell* and *Plant Physiology* at the American Society of Plant Biologists, & Karen Stanwood is Director, Electronic Publishing and Production, Health Care Books and Journals at SLACK Incorporated, as the speakers.
2. AMA Ask Science Series Part 2 will go live, with Janne Seppänen, founder of [peerageofscience.org](#) and researchers Denis Bourguet, and Thomas Guillemaud, to [discuss new ideas and solutions to peer review](#) for unpublished research.

### Wednesday | September 18, 2019

1. ISMTE will be [hosting a webinar](#) on “Engaging and Mentoring Reviewers to Support Quality Peer Review,” with the speakers being Lisa Pelzek-Braun, Managing Editor, Journal of Palliative Medicine, Michelle Gaffney, KWF Editorial (Managing Editor, ASAIO Journal) and Editorial Staff, AJP-Heart & Circulatory Physiology & Stephanie Kinnan, Assistant Managing Editor of Clinical Publications, American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.
2. Scholarly Kitchen has published an interview with Tracey Brown, from Sense about Science that will provide insights on peer review, keeping the theme “Quality in Peer Review” in mind.
3. AMA Ask Science Series Part 1 will go live, with James Heathers and Maria Kowalczyk, from Springer Nature Research Integrity Group, [to answer questions on integrity and controversies on peer review](#).

### Tuesday | September 17, 2019

Publons has [published the Global State of Peer Review Reports](#). Read ahead and find out who have made it to the top 1% of each of the 22 Essential Science Indicators (ESI) research fields.

## Monday | September 16, 2019

ORCID is [organizing a free webinar](#) on how the peer review workflows, and how and why to use ORCID to help your own researchers get the recognition they deserve for their peer review activities and service. The speakers include Michael Markie (F1000), Alice Meadows (ORCID), Dan Morgan (PLOS), Andrew Preston (Clarivate Analytics/Publons).

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