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2007

Exploring the frontiers of physics

Our vision is for EPL to become a leading home for global physics letters, to offer rapid publication of ground-breaking physics results from the international community, and to provide the broadest coverage of physics research

New Publishing partner: Since 1 January 2007, IOP Publishing has become an active partner in the publication of the journal. EPL is now available on-line on a new website hosted by IOP Publishing www.epljournal.org.

New Executive Editor: The main role of the Executive Editor is to ensure the editorial development, including increasing the number of papers, topical and geographical coverage, identifying developing fields and promoting the journal.

New design, new format:



“Europhysics Letters”
B5 - one column



“EPL”
A4 - 2 columns

A new cover design has been introduced featuring images taken from recent journal articles, which will change with each volume.

New numbering system: Starting from Volume 77, EPL has moved from a page numbering to an article numbering system. This more flexible system means that articles will be published faster than ever before and will be fully citable as soon as they are published online.

New subscription arrangements: Since January 2007, IOP and EDP Sciences are jointly taking responsibility for subscription fulfilment of EPL.



Aims and scopes

Letters submitted to EPL should contain new results, ideas, concepts, experimental methods, theoretical treatments, including those with application potential, and be of broad interest and importance to one or several sections of the Physics community. The presentation should satisfy the specialist, yet remain understandable to the researchers in other fields through a suitable, clearly written introduction and conclusion.

EPL also publishes Comments on Letters previously published in the Journal.



Owners

EPL was founded in 1986 by the European Physical Society (EPS), the Société Française de Physique (SFP) and its subsidiary EDP Sciences, the Società Italiana di Fisica (SIF) and the Institute of Physics (UK). It has absorbed *Lettere al Nuovo Cimento* and *Journal de Physique Lettres*.

EPL has been published for twenty years under the scientific policy and control of the EPS by EDP Sciences and SIF for a partnership of 17 European physical societies (the EPL Association) represented by the Board of Directors. In 2007, IOP Publishing also became an active partner in the publication of the journal.

European Physical Society
The French Physical Society
The Italian Physical Society
The Institute of Physics (UK)



Category A members

The Austrian Physical Society
The German Physical Society
The Hungarian Physical Society
Institute "Ruder Boskovic"
The Netherlands Physical Society
The Portuguese Physical Society
Pool of Scandinavian Physical Societies
• Danish Physical Society
• Finnish Physical Society
• Icelandic Physical Society
• Norwegian Physical Society
• Swedish Physical Society
The Swiss Physical Society
The Turkish Physical Society



Category B members

The Associate Members are The Institute "Josef Stefan" and The Spanish Royal Society of Physics.



The Board of Directors

The EPL Association is managed by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors meets at least twice a year and is invited at the Editorial Board meeting.

Chair:

Petra Rudolf represents the European Physical Society (EPS)

Members:

Agnès Henri represents the French Physical Society (SFP)

Joakim Cederkäll represents the founder members of category B

Luisa Cifarelli represents the Italian Physical Society (SIF)

Antonia Seymour represents the Institute of Physics, UK (IOP)

Without voting rights:

Richard A. Blythe (Editor-in-Chief)

Anne Pawsey (EPS Secretary General)

Vijala Kiruvanayagam (Executive Editor)

Frédéric Burr (Staff Editor)



The Editorial Board (from January 2025)

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The Deputy Editors

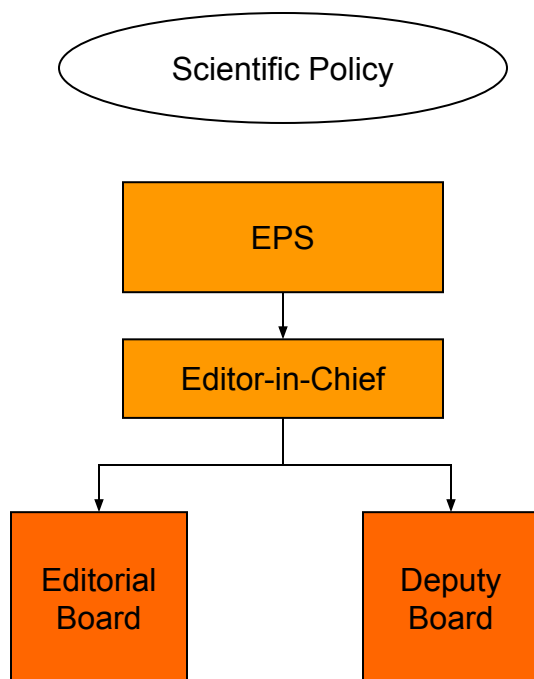
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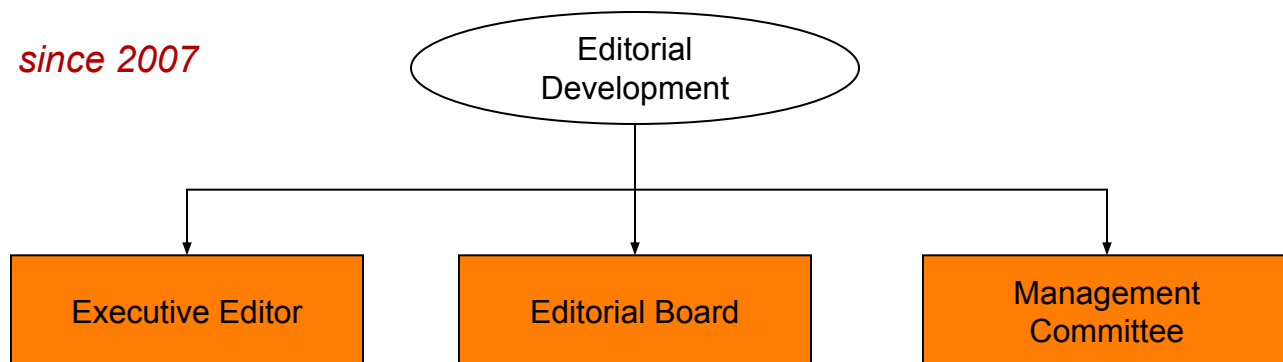
since 1986

Structure of EPL: scientific policy



Structure of EPL: editorial development

since 2007

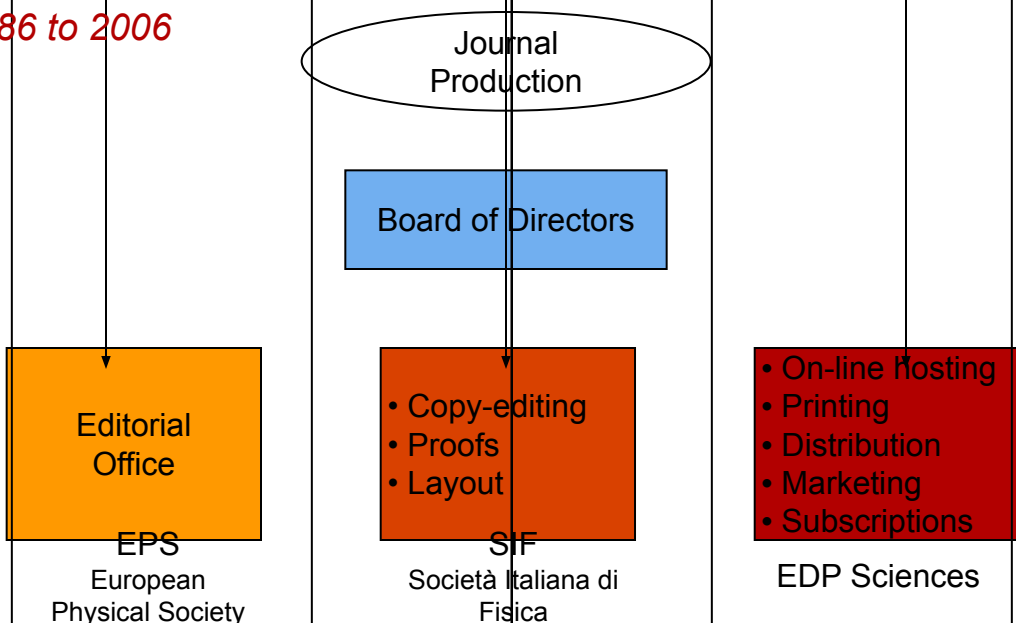


- Increase number of quality papers
- Increase topical coverage
- Increase geographical coverage

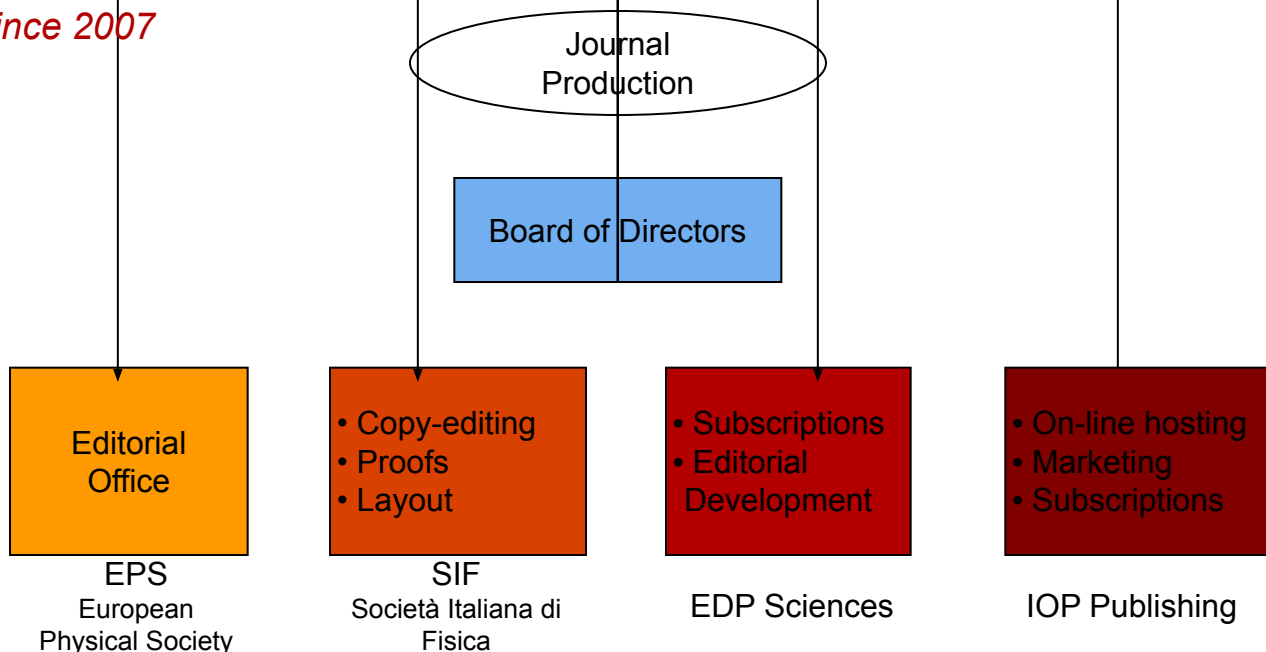


Structure of EPL: publishing process

from 1986 to 2006

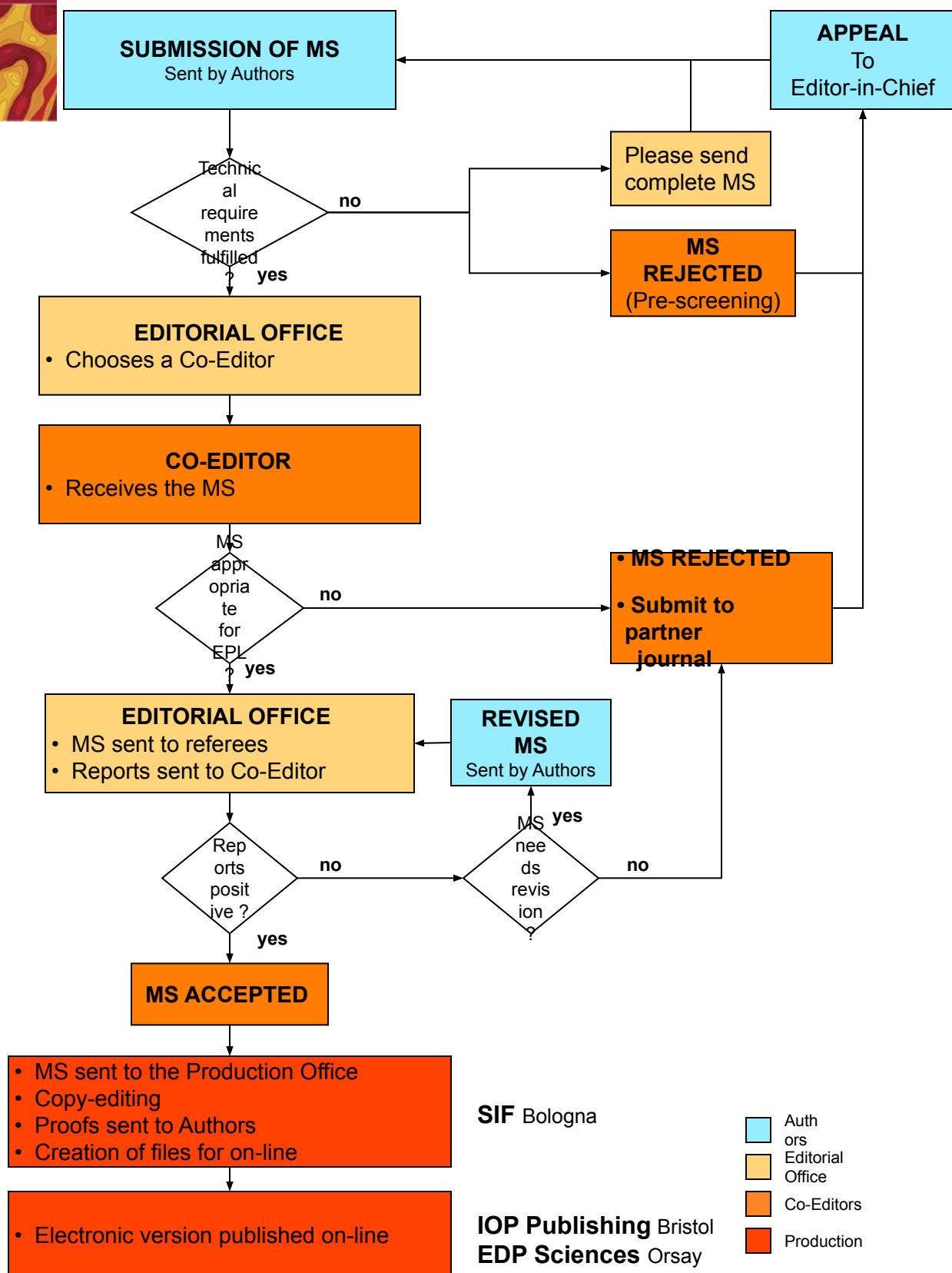


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Editorial Procedure





Manuscript Transfer Agreement

The Agreement of Mutual Transfer of Manuscripts between EPL, CQG (Classical and Quantum Gravity), EPJ/J. Phys., PPCF (Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion), PSST (Plasma Sources Science and Technology), Physica Scripta, Journal of Optics, Nanotechnology, New Journal of Physics (NJP), Nonlinearity, Semiconductor Science and Technology, Superconductor Science and Technology, Materials Research Express allows :

- to keep the submission date
- to transfer the reports

Transfer from EPL : Good papers submitted to EPL but which are not of sufficient general interest.

Transfer to EPL: A paper submitted to EPJ, J. Phys., CQG, PPCF, PSST, Physica Scripta, Journal of Optics, Nanotechnology, NJP, Nonlinearity, Semiconductor Science and Technology, Superconductor Science and Technology, Materials Research Express can be transferred to EPL if the Editor believes the paper is of sufficient general interest.

In practice, the transfer works mainly one way, from EPL to the partner journal.

Procedure:

- authors should submit their paper to the partner journal mentioning previous consideration by EPL (they have one choice only).
- The partner journal will contact the editorial office to have the date of submission and the reports transferred. The file is **not** automatically transferred!
- The Editor can decide to accept the paper as is or can ask referees for further judgement.

European Physical Journals: EPJA - Hadrons and Nuclei, EPJB - Condensed Matter Physics, EPJC - Particles and Fields, EPJD - Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, EPJE - Soft Matter, EPJAP - Applied physics, EPLPLUS - Applied and technical physics, EPJH - Historical Perspectives on Contemporary Physics

Journal of Physics: J. Phys. A: Mathematical and Theoretical, J. Phys. B - Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, J. Phys. Condensed Matter Physics, J. Phys. D - Applied physics, J. Phys. G - Nuclear and Particles physics