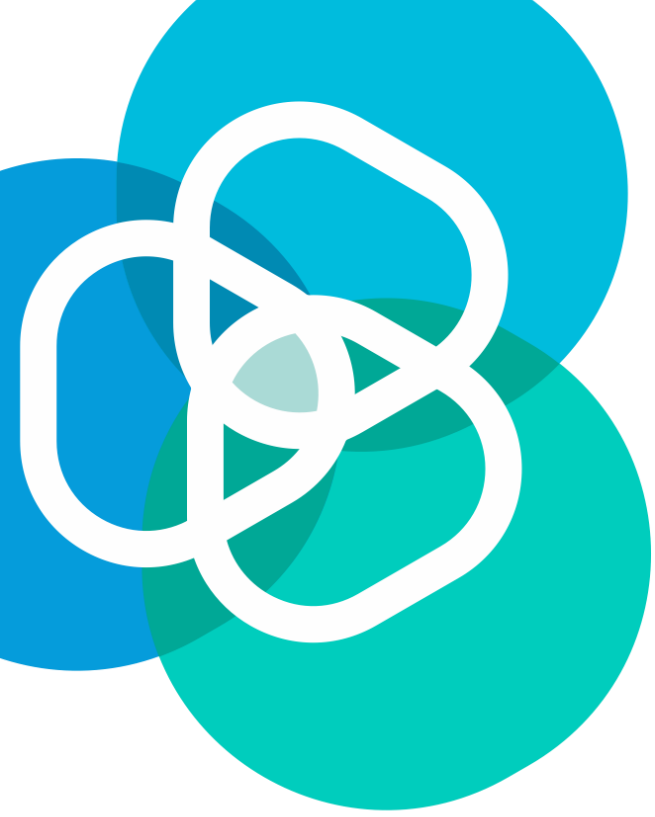


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## Special issues

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MC meeting Lyon, 12.9.2024



# What is a Special Issue?

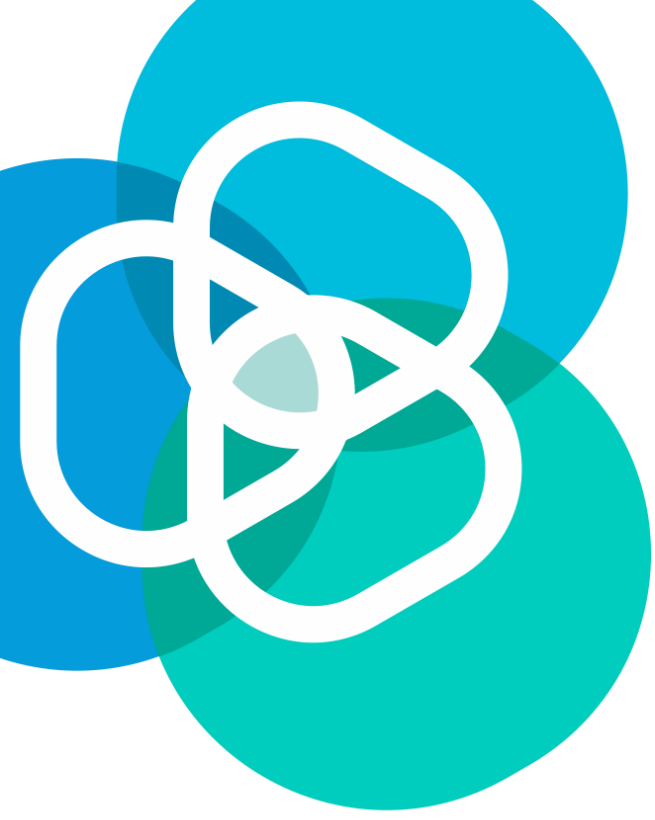


**Journal issue dedicated to one specific topic (f.e. conference).**

- Opportunity to review a particular theme
- Examine previously unaddressed aspects
- Propose and develop new approaches
- Exchange perspectives and encourage new lines of research



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# Role of the Editor

## Team of co-editors



### ✓ Building Editorial team

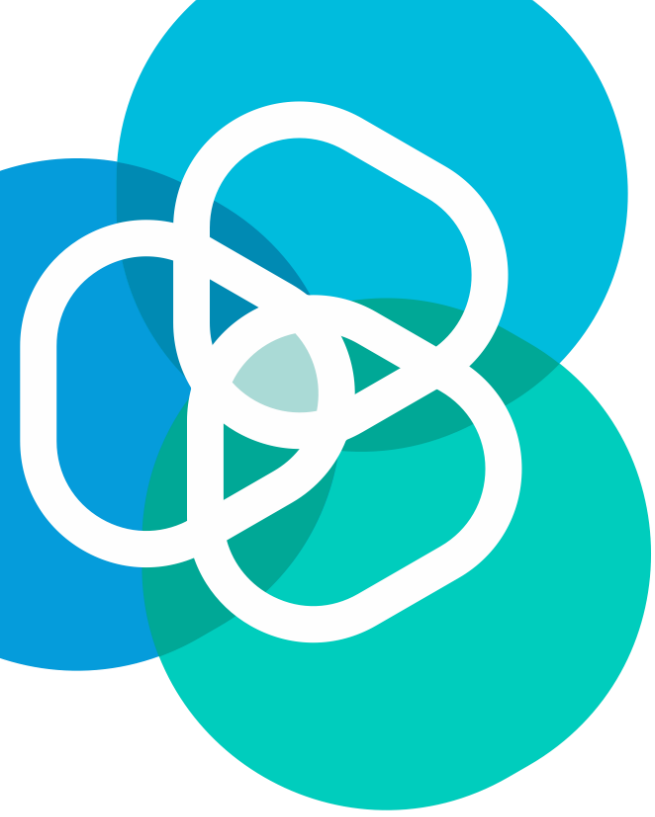
- This will steer what you can do
- Versatile (expertise, countries, affiliations, gender)

### ✓ Choosing the journal / publisher

- You can get invited
- You know editor(s)



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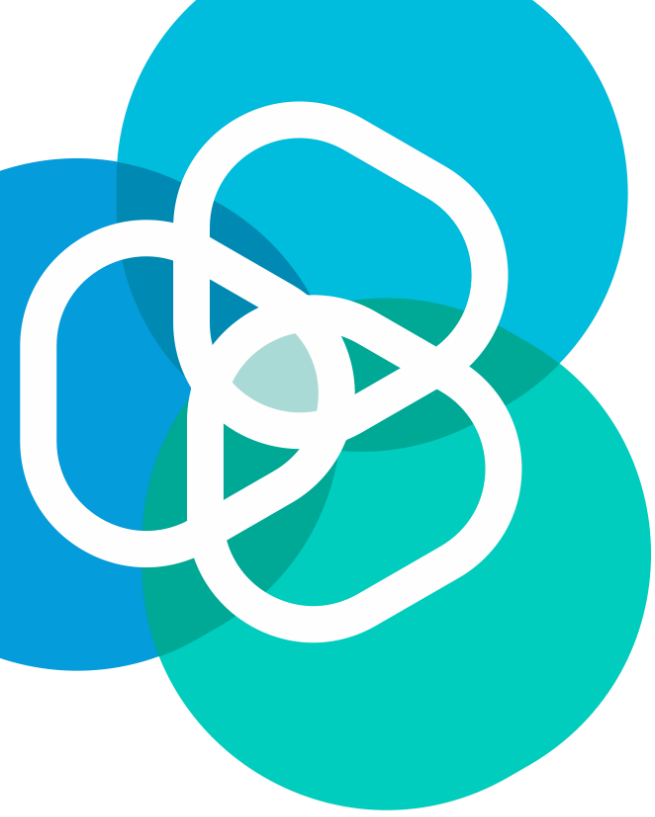
# Role of the Editor

## Team of co-editors

- ✓ **Proposing a theme to the journal editors**
  - **Most important is to guarantee enough papers: at least 10 – provide their names**
- ✓ **Deciding on the scope and list the topics**
  - **Depending on co-editors**
- ✓ **Preparing the text about the scope and topics for the Call for Papers**



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# Role of the Editors

## You get a nice webpage

<https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/28513/boosting-the-potential-of-algae-for-biomass-production-valorisation-and-bioremediation>

## Call for papers

### Research Topic

## Boosting the Potential of Algae for Biomass Production, Valorisation, and Bioremediation

Submit your abstract

Submit your manuscript

Participate



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### About this Research Topic

Biomass production using micro-and macro-algae is emerging as one of the most promising marine sectors contributing to blue bioeconomy and blue biotechnology. Both micro and macro-algae are rich in products for use in a wide range of sustainable applications including feed, food, fertilisers, plastics, nutraceuticals and pharmaceuticals. Also, large-scale cultivation of algae has the potential, through photosynthesis, to add to global primary production fitting alongside agriculture and forestry production of plant biomass thereby reducing the consequences of climate change on our planet. The production of macroalgae has almost tripled in the last ten years in response to the market needs and, microalgae large-scale production is being increasingly developed to fulfill its potential.

### Topic Editors

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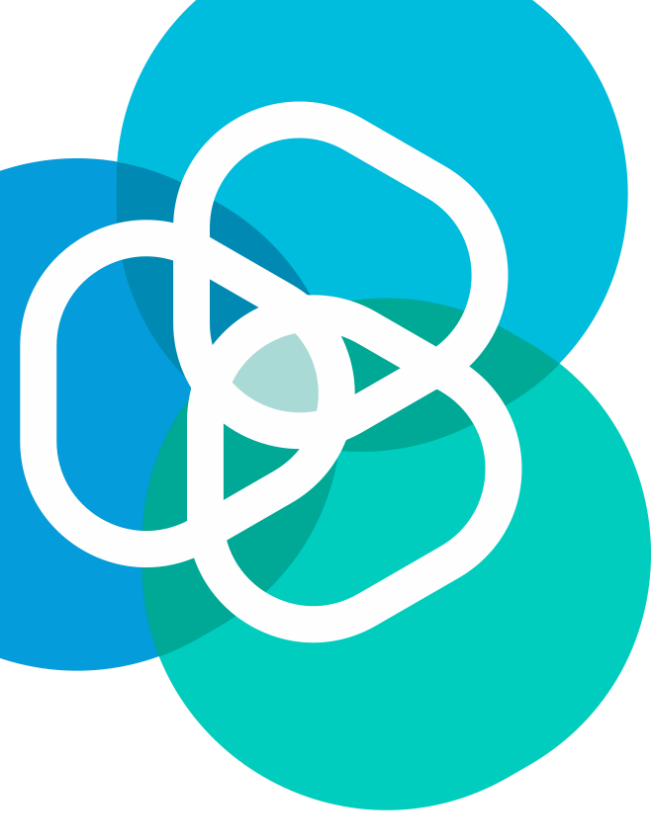
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**31 January 2022**

Abstract

**31 May 2022**

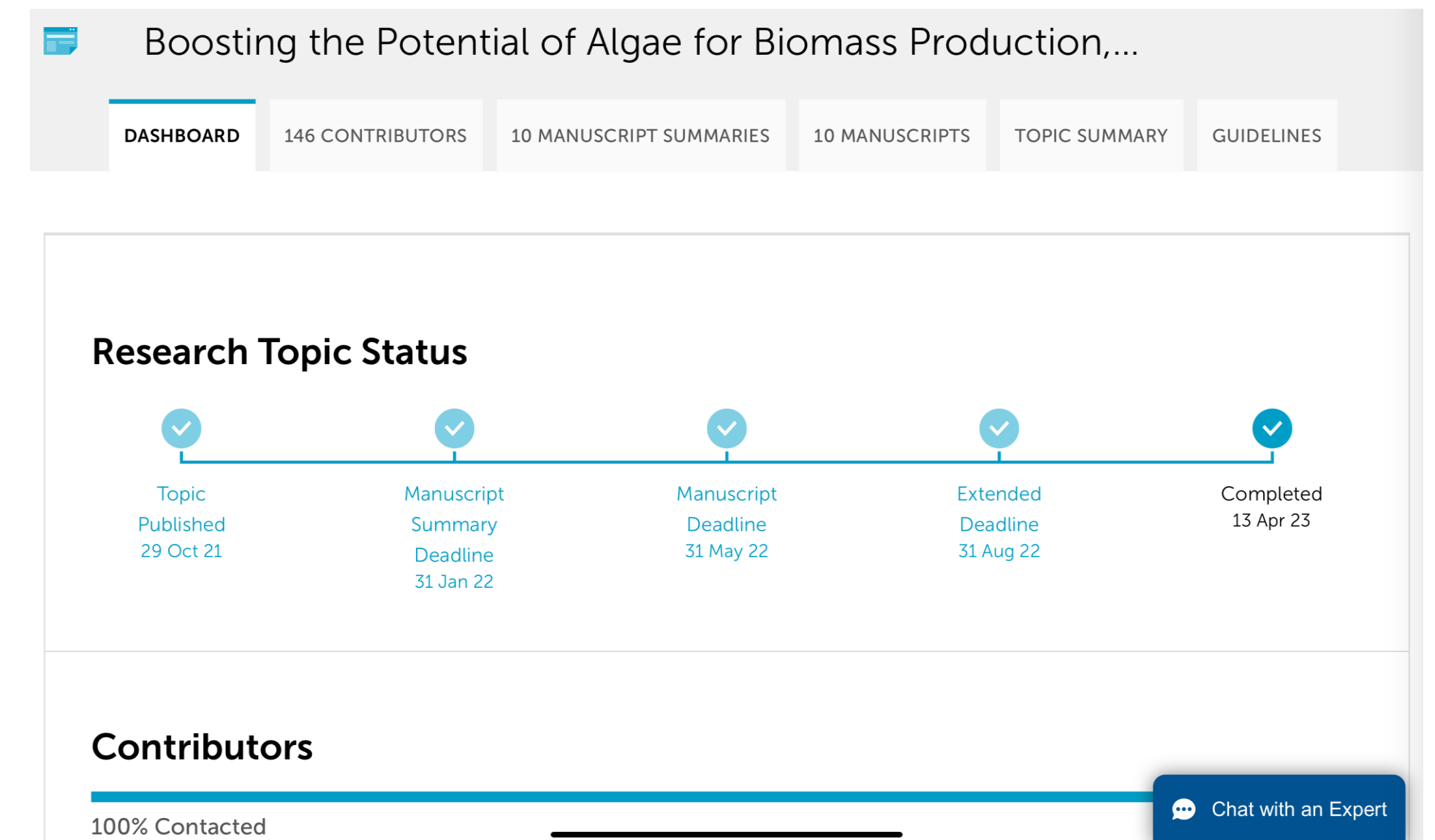
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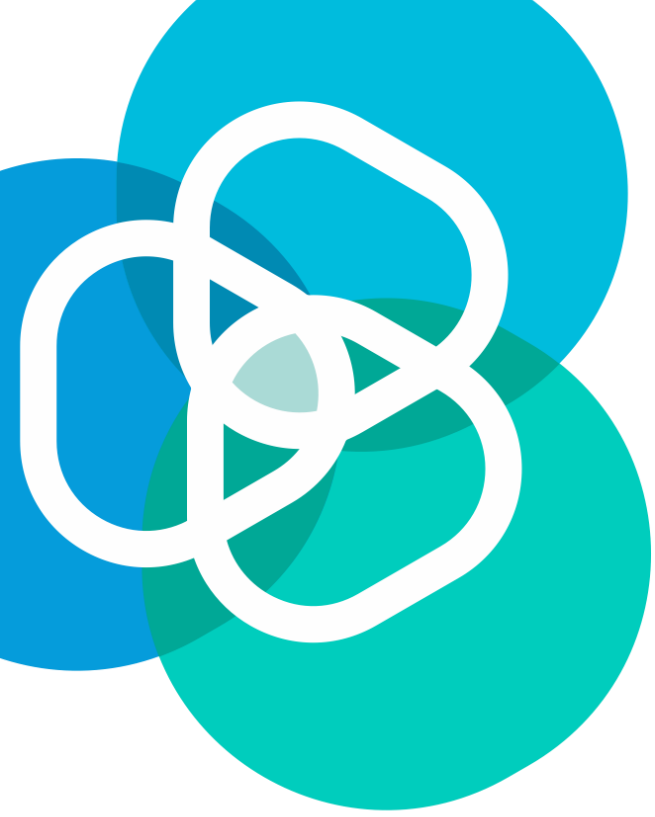


# Role of the Editors

## Basic tasks

- ✓ **Inviting contributors to submit abstract**
  - From the publishers platform
  - Personalised emails (can be a template created by the platform)
  - Promotion on the events and social media, special banner for emails
- ✓ **Reviewing abstracts and choosing appropriate ones**
  - Usually you are happy to receive any – good to have a leading expert
- ✓ **Inviting contributors to submit a paper**
- ✓ **Agreeing on a deadline with publishers/journal editors**





# Role of the Editors



## Guiding your Research Topic to success

We've produced a series of videos to guide you through the steps of guest editing a successful Research Topic. They complement the written guidelines included in this page. Take some time to review these resources now - they'll also be available for you to come back to throughout the duration of your Research Topic.

### 1. Introducing tools and tips to manage your Research Topic

### 2. How to attract authors to your Research Topic

1. Overview of the Call for Participation
2. Sending the Call for Participation (to all potential contributors)
3. Sending the Call for Participation (selected contributors)
4. Promoting your Research Topic

### 3. How to maximize the reach of your Research Topic

1. The importance of maximizing your contributors
2. Sending Call for Participation reminders
3. Adding contributors manually
4. Your 'suggested contributors' tab
5. Searching for additional contributors
6. Contributor referrals
7. Spontaneous contributors

### 4. How to manage your manuscript summary submissions

1. Overview of manuscript summary submissions
2. Sending manuscript summary submission reminders
3. Evaluating your manuscript summaries

### 5. How to manage your manuscript submissions

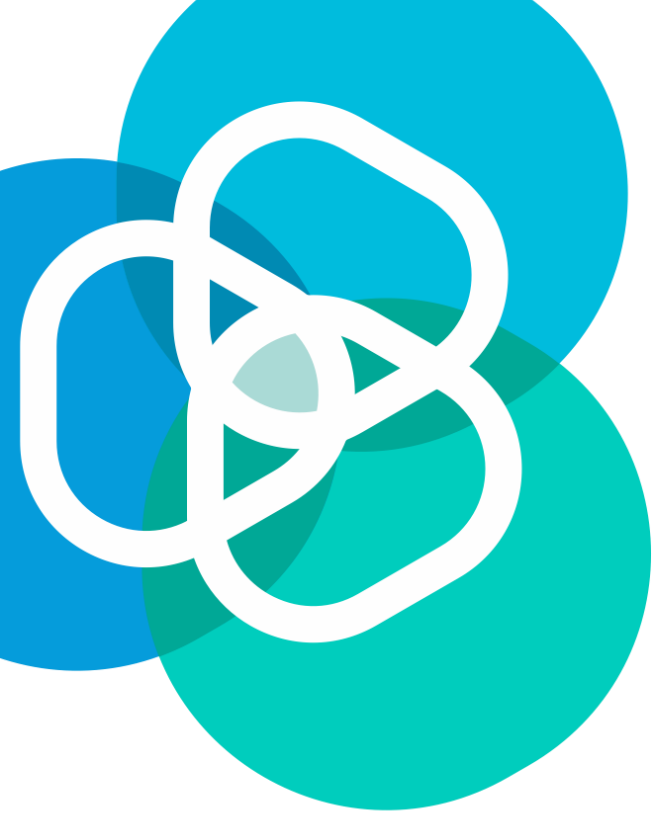
### 6. How to manage the peer review process

1. Submission quality checks
2. Assigned as editor & reassigning to co-editors
3. Accessing & navigating the Review Forum
4. Eligibility to oversee review
5. Your initial assessment
6. Out of scope papers
7. Inviting reviewers
8. Assess the reviewers' reports
9. Overseeing the interactive review stage
10. Recommending rejection
11. Provisional acceptance & final steps

### 7. Editorials and eBooks

### 8. Completion of your Research Topic

### 9. Terms and Conditions



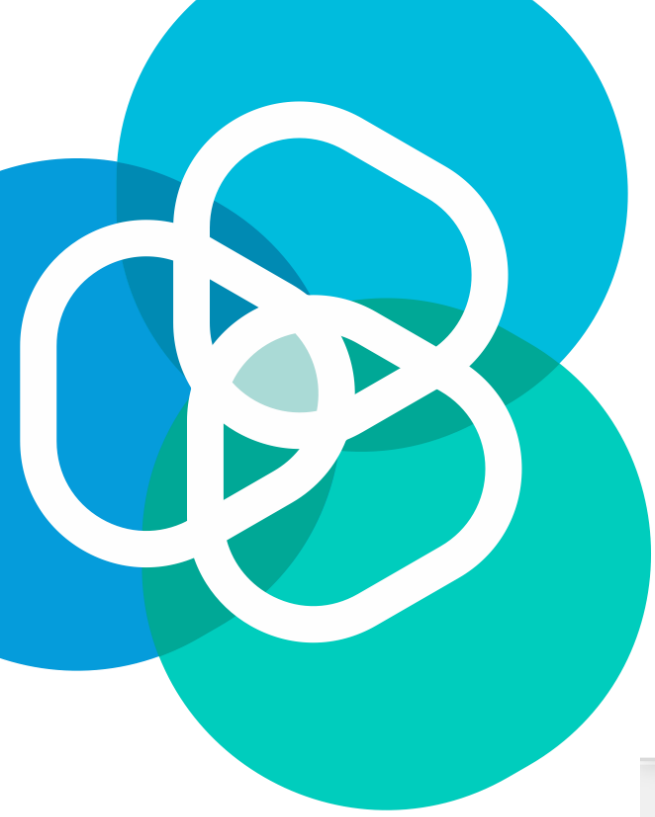
# Role of the Editor

## Working with authors



- ✓ **Some serious management of the authors (and sometimes co-editors)**
  - **Deadlines: almost no one sticks to them — sending reminders, deals for delays**
- ✓ **Managing the review process, and ensuring the quality of submissions**
  - **Each co-editor handles designated topics or the authors he/she invited (2-3 papers per editor)**
  - **You have an option to choose the reviewers — otherwise the platform suggests the registered reviewers and you confirm**
  - **Discussing with the reviewers (if needed)**
  - **Check the language quality (already before the review)**





# Role of the Editor

## Working with authors



Boosting the Potential of Algae for Biomass Production,...

DASHBOARD **146 CONTRIBUTORS** 10 MANUSCRIPT SUMMARIES 10 MANUSCRIPTS TOPIC SUMMARY GUIDELINES

### Contributors

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Call for participation Reminders Add contributors Search people to contact

Search by name, id, etc Manuscript Summaries: No filter Manuscripts: No filter

Missing MSs: No filter Personal Deadline: No filter

Assigned Topic Editor/Coordinator: No filter

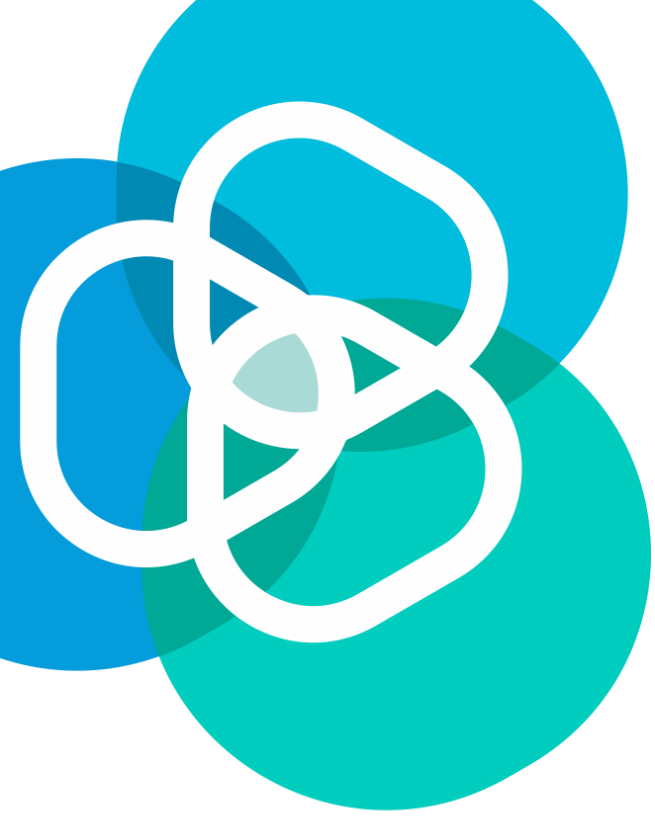
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**108** Unresponsive    **11** Withdrawn    **60** Co-author

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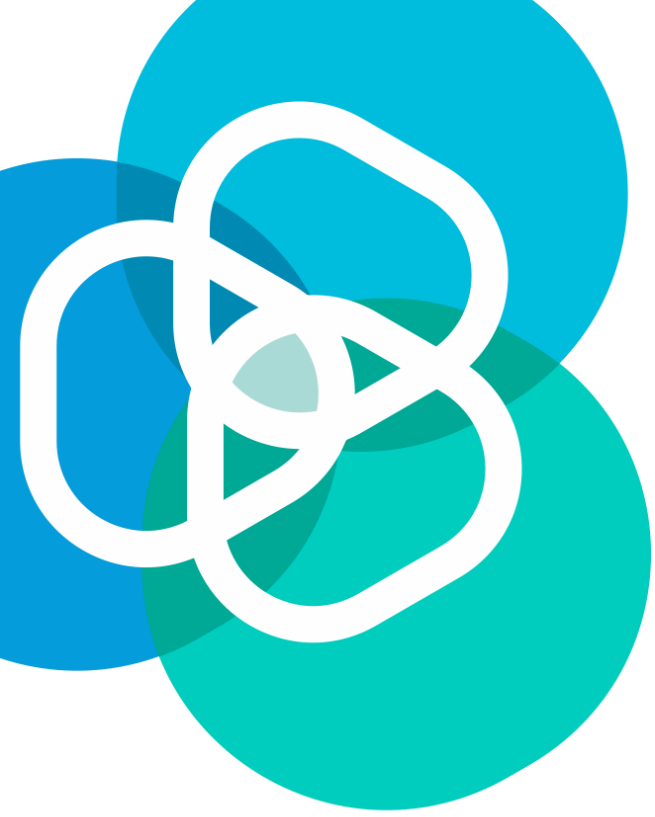


# Role of the Editor

## Finalising your main work

- ✓ Making the decision: YES/NO
- ✓ Presenting your decision to the Journal's editorial board
  - They make the final acceptance
- ✓ Sending the happy news to the authors!

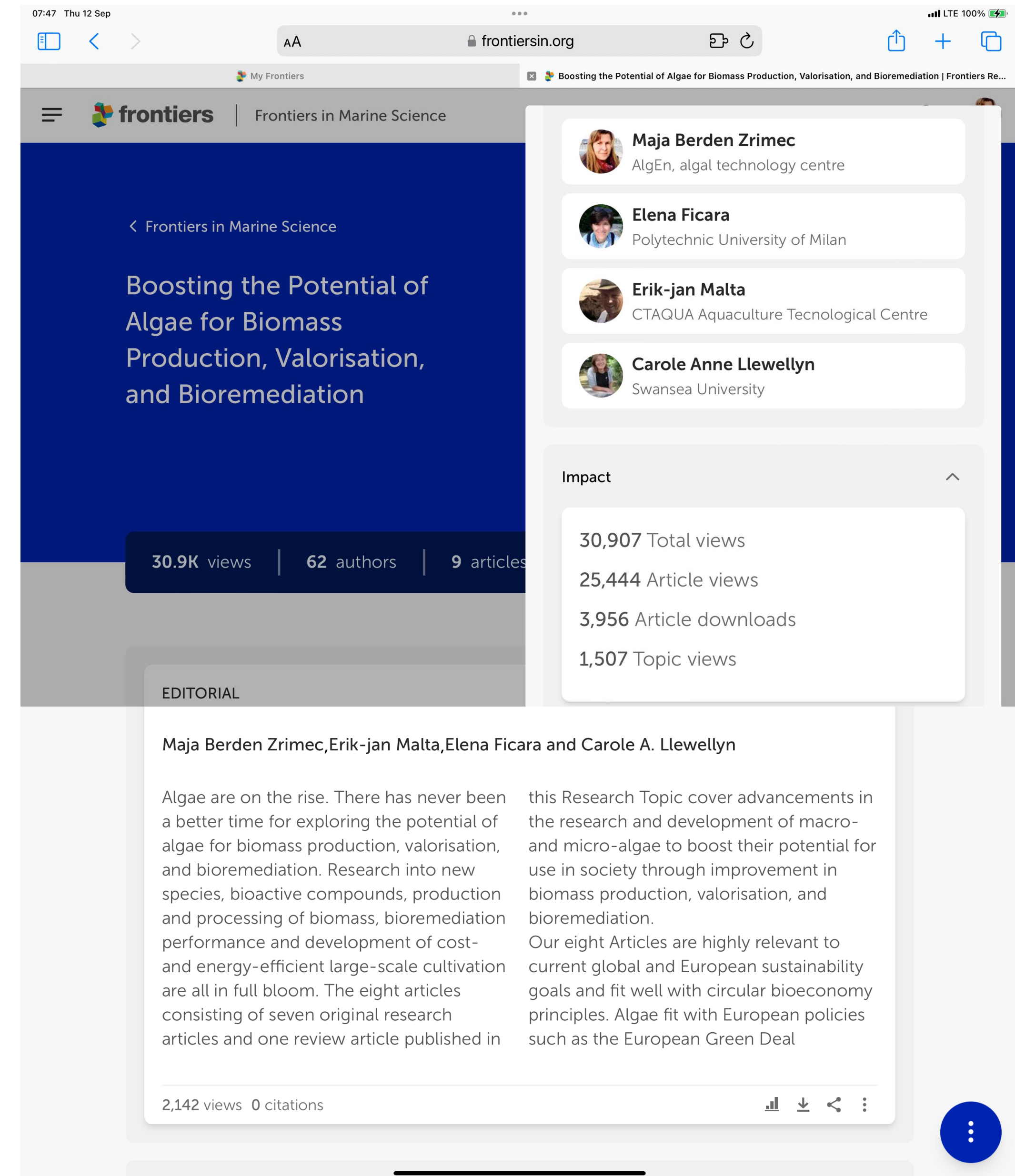


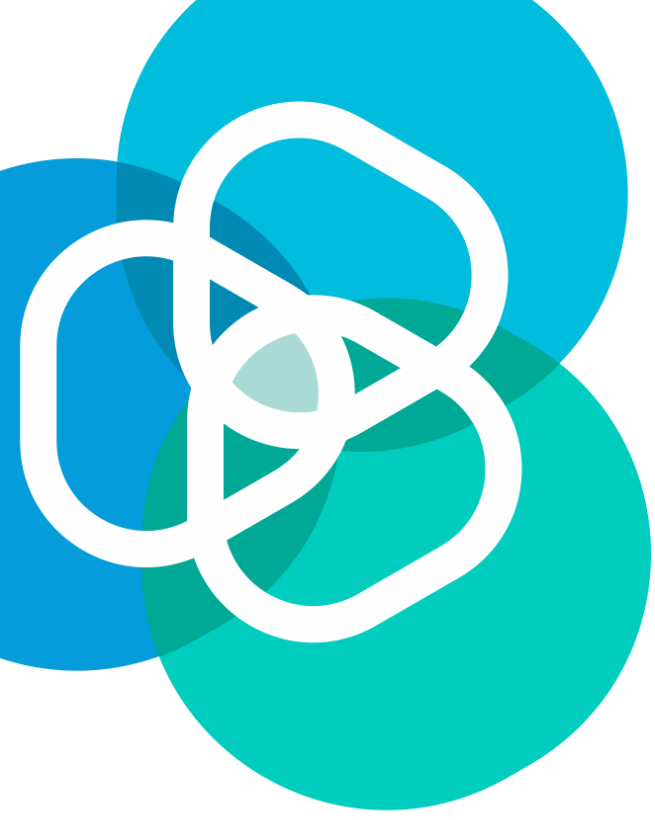


# Role of the Editor

## After all papers are published

- ✓ Writing editorial
- ✓ Booklet – if enough contributors
- ✓ Promotion





# Possible journals

## Open source vs. Classical

- **Wiley, Springer, Elsevier**
- **Frontiers, MDPI, InTech Open etc.**
- **Algae Research – editor G. Acien: min 10 papers guaranteed**
- **J. App. Phycology – editor M. Borowitzka**

➤ **Depending on the focus – who we want to address**



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Questions?