

# What Should Stick? Research on a Sticky Note

## – Rules and Regulations –

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## 1. Application

The application should include:

- Information about the author(s): first and last name(s), age, country, affiliation, level of education, date of completion of PhD (if completed) and e-mail address. This information should be included in the body of the e-mail.
- A contribution prepared using the PowerPoint template provided by the EYCN and saved in JPEG format (See Section 3 below).

The application file should be sent to [science@eycn.eu](mailto:science@eycn.eu).

## 2. Author Requirements

- a) Every young scientist, who is up to 35 years old or is within 7 years since completion of their PhD, and who published, as the first or corresponding author, a peer-reviewed research article not more than 12 months before the date of application (See Section 4.1c below).
- b) The author takes full responsibility for the originality and content of the submitted contribution.
- c) The content is the exclusive contribution of the author and is protected by Section 5 of this document.

## 3. Contribution Requirements

### 3.1. Content Requirements

- a) The content of the contribution should be in the area of chemistry or a chemistry-related field and based on a recently published research achievement (within the past 12 months).
- b) The written text should be in English and presented in a way that is understandable to the chemical community as a whole.
- c) Any contribution with content that violates EYCN policy will be directly ignored without further notice to the author.

### 3.2. Text and Format Requirements

- a) All contributions must be prepared using the PowerPoint template, available for download [here](#), and submitted in JPEG format. Submitted image must be of sufficient quality (minimum 300 dpi).

- b) All submissions must include the applicant's full name (first name and surname), their affiliation related to the presented scientific work (either the full name or its formal abbreviation), the title of the contribution, the main text, and a reference to the publication, as outlined in the provided template.
- c) When preparing the contribution, the formatting of the provided template, specifically text size, font, justification and spacing, must not be altered in any way. The main text must not exceed 100 words. Submissions that do not follow the required formatting will be automatically declined.
- d) A reference to the publication must follow the format: **Journal title**, *year*, volume(issue), page numbers. Author names should not be included. Example: **Chem. Eur. J.** 2023, 29(5), 1234-1240.
- e) An original or properly reproduced figure may be included, provided it adheres to the criteria specified in Section 3.2.1.
- f) The style of the text should be personal, creative, and easily understandable, while maintaining scientific relevance. The EYCN reserves the right to reject submissions which it deems inconsistent with the intent and spirit of the project.

### 3.2.1. Reproducing a Figure

- a) The authors are responsible to obtain the necessary permissions for reproducing a figure from previous copyrighted publication from the copyright holders and clearly reference the original source.
- b) If the figure is previously published under a creative common license, the figure can be reused under the conditions of the specific license that apply.
- c) The EYCN is not responsible for any possible copyright infringements committed by submitting authors.
- d) Figures must be of sufficient quality (minimum 300 dpi) and clearly legible. The preferred aspect ratio 2:1 (width:height), but vertical formats (e.g., 1:2) will also be accepted if appropriate for the content.

## 4. Prepublication Process

### 4.1. Evaluation

- a) All submitted contributions will be evaluated and selected for publication by Science Team of EYCN. If needed, further experts may be included.
- b) The committee involved in the evaluation process will do its best to avoid any biases during the selection process.
- c) The evaluation committee will do only very limited checks of the scientific background of the proposed contribution. Only material based on peer-reviewed articles is allowed, hence the EYCN trusts the competence and professionalism of the reviewers and editors from the respective journals.

### 4.2. Correction to the Contribution

- a) The applicant is fully responsible for the content of the submitted contribution; no corrections will be made by the committee.
- b) If the submitted contribution is considered suitable but requires substantial changes before publication, the author will be contacted by the committee with suggestions for revision. The author will have up to fourteen (14) calendar days to implement the suggested changes and resubmit the contribution. After resubmission, the contribution will be further reviewed and, if deemed suitable, published.
- c) The publication is not considered final. If significant errors are identified after the publication, a revised version may be issued with clear indication of the update and timestamp.

### 4.3. Retraction

- a) A retraction of the contribution can be made at any point by both parties before publishing.
- b) After publishing, the accepted reason for retraction could be:
  - Fraudulent use of data
  - Scientific misconduct
  - Plagiarism
  - Unethical context

- c) In all cases, the reason should be clearly stated between the involved parties.

## **5. Publishing**

### **5.1. Permanency of Content**

- a) The published contribution is permanent and can only be retracted for specific reasons (see Section 4.3).

### **5.2. Promotion/Publicity**

- a) By submitting a contribution, the authors grant the EYCN and its partners the right to use information and content provided by them for publicity and institutional promotional purposes to the extent permitted by law.
- b) The authors agree to provide additional information to the EYCN upon request (e.g., in the case of accusation of any misconduct).
- c) The authors agree not to claim or imply for any reason that the EYCN and its partners are not entitled to publish and use the contribution in the above-mentioned ways.

## **6. Appeals and Complaints**

- a) An appeal to a rejection can only be made by the authors.
- b) If the author wishes to make an appeal or complaint about the committee decision, the author should contact [science@eycn.eu](mailto:science@eycn.eu).
- c) The appeal or complaint must be written in English and must clearly state the problem with the decision. The original proposal, reasoning and appeal will then be reviewed by a separate team member.
- d) If the aforementioned criteria are not met, the appeal or complaint will be declined.

## **7. Policy for Comments on Social Media and by e-mail**

- a) The EYCN encourages an open scientific discussion in the comment sections of all published submissions.
- b) The EYCN welcomes comments via e-mail only from readers with a formal affiliation with a research institution or another organization clearly related to the subject of the content. The reader

is asked to declare any personal, religious, political, or financial conflict of interest. If the above criteria are not satisfied, the e-mail will be ignored.

- c) Comments that attempt to use the contribution for advertisement will be deleted.
- d) Comments that are offensive, indecent or contain negative context of a personal, racial, ethical, sexual orientation, or have religious character will be deleted.
- e) Under no circumstances will the EYCN tolerate abusive behavior towards the authors, the committee members or other people, regardless of whether they are involved in the project or not.