Coming Soon: Authorship Awards at EON

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We are coming to the close of another year at EON, and we have had a year with a lot of changes. To culminate this season, the editors at EON have been working in close collaboration with the EON Editorial Board to develop a new opportunity to reward our authors for their contributions, and highlight their outstanding work published in EON. To facilitate this, we are pleased to announce that coming soon, we will be introducing annual authorship awards awarded to contributing authors. More details will be forthcoming as we look to make our first selections at the end of the 2022 publishing schedule, but here is a little sneak peek of what you can expect!

**Timeline**

We would like to consider all articles submitted in the 2022 Volume of ISMTE. Because of this, we will make formal selections in early 2023 after the December-January issue has been published. This means there is still time to be considered for the 2022 nominations if you have an article idea kicking around, but you’ve needed an incentive to finalize it. The time is now!

**Most-Read Article**

One of the categories that we are very interested in highlighting are the contributions to EON which have received the most engagement with our readers. Thankfully, moving to PubPub has given us access to robust engagement and access data which allows us to easily evaluate and determine which of our articles was the most accessed by readers. Of course, evaluating this data is a delicate process because it calls questions into the process to ensure that we evaluate content fairly, regardless of the time in the year that they are published. If we were to simply choose the “most read” article, it would be no surprise if we consistently chose articles from the beginning of the year. To account for this, we will be evaluating articles based on a relatively simple formula:

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\frac{\text{number of unique readers}}{\text{months in publication}}
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This formula should give us a clear picture of how many readers an article garnered each month on average, which will help us make the decision from the fairest basis possible. Furthermore, we will continue to develop and explore additional parameters to continue to pursue the fairest decision-making process that we can.
Pursuing articles and authors who continue to appeal the most to our readership is an important charge of EON, we are of course a publication that exists for the enrichment of our readers, and we are excited to be able to develop this award based on the articles which garner the most attention from our community. However, this is not the only metric that we think deserves highlighting. We would also like to highlight articles which stand out on their merit which is not directly tied to their readership data.

**Editors’ Choice Article**

In addition to the readership statistics, we think it is important to highlight articles which stand out for their content, even if they were not the most accessed articles for the year. To facilitate this, the EON Editors and Editorial Board are developing a rubric which will be used to select an article which we found to be the most relevant, well written, and appealing to the publishing industry. We are still finalizing the rubric, but we will publish our selection criteria as it is complete. With a more subjective category like this, it is incredibly important to us that we minimize bias and make selections in an equitable and fair manner. To this end, it is important to us to ensure that our selection criteria is publicly available, and that we solicit the feedback from numerous different judges before making a final decision.

**The Awards**

The ISMTE board has been earnest and vocal about their opportunity to further support these awards, and they approved our request to include 100$ in each award. In addition, we will publish a special issue of EON highlighting the award-winning articles, and other “honorable mention” articles which were considered but ultimately were not selected as a finalist.

**Looking Forward**

This is our first iteration of these awards, but we hope that we will be able to continue to offer these awards on an annual basis to continue to highlight the excellent contributions of our authors and recognize the immense importance of our contributing authors. In exploring the opportunity for us to install these awards annually, we will continue to further develop our selection criteria and methodology, so stay tuned for additional updates to these awards in the year to come! It is always an exciting opportunity to roll out something new, and we are already actively discussing what changes we might want to implement next year if we are in a position to offer the awards again.

**What does this mean for you?**

Ultimately, these awards take a small step towards recognizing and highlighting the extremely important contributions our authors provide to our publication. If you are interested in these awards but worry that you will not be able to be considered, fear not! There is still time to submit an article for consideration in 2022, and again, we are actively developing our plans for what the 2023 authorship awards will look like.
We are so excited to be able to give back to our authors, even in this small way, to highlight our appreciation for you all, and look forward to reviewing the rest of the article submissions for 2022, and those articles not yet written for 2023! If you have an idea for an article that you would like to submit to EON, please feel free to send the editors an email at editorialofficenews@gmail.com and we will be happy to give you feedback or guidance on an idea for an article.

Thank you all again for everything that you do to support EON, we are eternally indebted to the support we receive from our readers, our authors, and the ISMTE board, and eagerly await our additional plans to show our appreciation for you all!