

7.50 - Assignments strategies

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Automatic assignment strategies

The automatic assignment feature has received a long-awaited makeover! The old configuration settings (article type/section/topical) have been discarded to make room for a dedicated page:

	Criteria	Value	Assigned editors	Actions
1	Topical issue	AKARI	Nicolas Boes, Catherine Bras, Vasili Estie	
2	Section	3. Cosmology (including clusters of galaxies)	Pascale Menon, Thierry Lafronde	
3	Article type	regular paper	Nargiss Khessassi, Rachel Rudy	
	Article type	editorial	Thierry Lafronde	

After a first submission or technical check, Nestor will check and apply the strategies defined here. The goal is to quickly dispatch articles to relevant editors based on the article metadata, thus saving many clicks to Editorial Offices. The dispatch criteria can be any [standard](#) or [custom field](#).

Strategies are sorted by priority, with upper strategies having priority on the others. As soon as a criteria is met, the strategy is applied, and lower strategies will be ignored.

For example in the screenshot above, a paper with:

- no topical issue
- in section "3. Cosmology"
- and which is a regular paper

will match the second strategy and be dispatched to Pascale and Thierry.

Strategies and filiation links

For a given strategy, multiple editors can be assigned on the fly:

NEW ASSIGNMENT STRATEGY

Assignment criteria *

The criterion is assessed at time of submission/technical check, only on the first version.

Topical issue

Trigger *

Special issue - Science in motion

Assigned editor(s) *

*When trigger is met, editors will be assigned in the order defined below (from left to right).
Responsibility tags are applied as usual: the rightmost editor will therefore always be current (= responsible for moving the article forward)*



× Nicolas Anelka

× Jean-Michel Lapointe

× Bob Leponge

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Save

This is extremely useful to assign several affiliated editors to handle e.g. a special issue:

Editor-in-Chief > Associate Editor > Guest Editor (who is [current](#))

In that example, the Guest-Editor will be responsible for handling the peer review, and his [decision proposal](#) can be subject to validation by his immediate parent (here, the Associate Editor).

New action: skip assignment

The technical check sometimes lead to EICs being stuck at the assignment step. This new action will unlock the situation:

Test article

 Dr. Sylvie Auton

 Registered authors

Editor due date:29/08/2026

Submission date:27/08/2026

 Add production note

 Add editorial note

 **Assigned Editors**

 Dr. Nestor Admin

   

 Dr. Nicolas Anelka

  

 Mr. Jean-Michel Lapointe

Current

   

Assign editor ▾

+ Skip assignment



Profile configuration: visibility of other profiles

Configuration of EIC/EO profiles has been made easier thanks to the implementation of this new column:

EDIT EDITOR PROFILE - EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

 General settings

 Article workflow rights

 Article information visibility

☒ Manage editor assignment

Can assign and manage editors. Enabling this option will also display the "Awaiting assignment" status in the user's to-do list (personal dashboard).

Configure profile visibility

This setting affects the assignment menu and the global dashboard (when relevant).



Can be seen by

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☒ Associate editor

☒ Guest Editor

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