





Aries Systems Corporation
50 High Street, Suite 21 North Andover, MA 01845 USA
PH +1 978.975.7570

Editorial Manager®/ProduXion Manager® Release Notification 24.02 (February 2024)

 Inclusionary Data Collection Feature on page 1	Publishers can request gender identity, race, and ethnicity information when a user logs into Editorial Manager. This standardized option for inclusionary data collection does not require integration with a publisher's external system.
 Import and Ingest Enhancement on page 4	The servers that handle EM Ingest, manuscript import, and task import have been updated to support migration to cloud servers. This migration is scheduled to occur in the weeks following the release.
	Information on current integrations: Manuscript analysis services Repositories

CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPRIETARY

Copyright © 2024, Aries Systems Corporation

This document is the confidential and proprietary information of Aries Systems Corporation, and may not be disseminated or copied without the express written permission of Aries Systems Corporation. The information contained in this document is tentative, and is provided solely for planning purposes of the recipient. The features described for this software release are likely to change before the release design and content are finalized. Aries Systems Corporation assumes no liability or responsibility for decisions made by third parties based upon the contents of this document, and shall in no way be bound to performance therefore. Editorial Manager and ProduXion Manager are trademarks and the property of Aries Systems Corporation.

Inclusionary Data Collection Feature

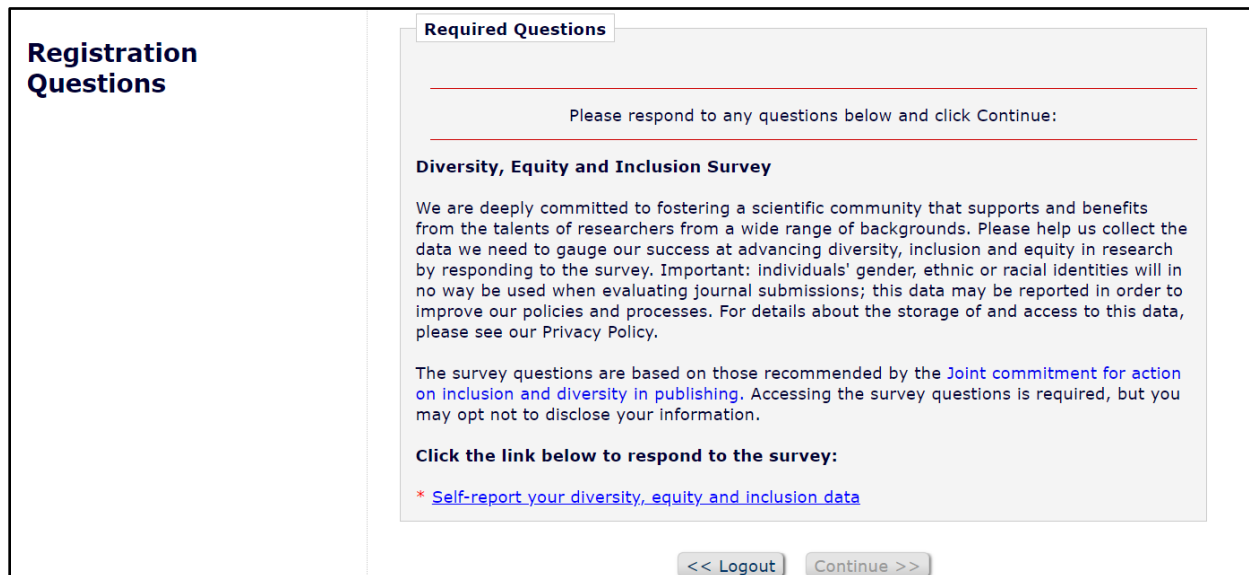
User role impact: DESIGNATED BY PUBLICATION

The purpose of inclusionary data collection is to gather demographic information on individuals involved in scholarly research and publishing. The [Joint Commitment for action on inclusion and diversity in publishing](#), a collective of 52 publishers led by the Royal Society of Chemistry, has developed a standardized approach to collecting self-reported gender identity, race, and ethnicity data.

This feature introduces a standard three-question Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) survey that publishers can use to gather data when users log in to their EM sites. Each publisher owns its own data, which are stored in a cloud database hosted by Aries.

Users access the DEI survey via a link contained in a question displayed on an EM page. The question is presented to all new and existing users logging in with the Author role. Other roles can be excluded from presentation of this question. The question is presented to new users when they log in after registration confirmation. The system presents the question to existing users the first time they log in (with a role that is not excluded) after the feature is enabled. The link to the survey also appears on the Update My Information page, which allows users to change their responses at any time.

The EM question displays instructions and a link to the DEI survey.



The screenshot shows a registration question on the EM site. On the left, a sidebar contains the text "Registration Questions". The main content area is titled "Required Questions" and contains the following text:

Please respond to any questions below and click Continue:

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Survey

We are deeply committed to fostering a scientific community that supports and benefits from the talents of researchers from a wide range of backgrounds. Please help us collect the data we need to gauge our success at advancing diversity, inclusion and equity in research by responding to the survey. Important: individuals' gender, ethnic or racial identities will in no way be used when evaluating journal submissions; this data may be reported in order to improve our policies and processes. For details about the storage of and access to this data, please see our Privacy Policy.

The survey questions are based on those recommended by the [Joint commitment for action on inclusion and diversity in publishing](#). Accessing the survey questions is required, but you may opt not to disclose your information.

Click the link below to respond to the survey:

* [Self-report your diversity, equity and inclusion data](#)

At the bottom of the content area, there are two buttons: "<< Logout" and "Continue >>".

The survey opens in a pop-up window when a user clicks the link. The underlying EM page is grayed out until the user completes the survey. Users are required to access the survey and respond to three questions. After the user responds to the questions, the popup confirms completion and provides a button to close the popup and return to the EM site.

The three questions are: With which gender do you most identify? What are your ethnic origins or ancestry? How would you identify yourself in terms of race? "Prefer not to disclose" is available as a valid response.

The three-question DEI survey opens in a pop-up window. The underlying EM page is grayed out until the user completes the survey. After the user responds to the questions, the popup confirms completion and provides a button to close the popup and return to the EM site.

em Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Survey

Question 1 of 3

We are deeply committed to fostering a scientific community that supports and benefits from the talents of researchers from a wide range of backgrounds. Please help us collect the data we need to gauge our success at advancing diversity, inclusion and equity in research by responding to the survey.

With which **gender** do you most identify?
Please select **one** option:

- Woman
- Man
- Non-binary or gender diverse
- Prefer not to disclose

[Cancel](#) Next Question

TO CONFIGURE:

For more information and to enable this feature, contact your Aries Account Coordinator.

Go to **PolicyManager** > Registration and Login Policies > Configure Inclusionary Data Collection.

The standard EM question configured for use with this feature will appear on this page.

A system administrator can edit settings for role exclusions. Click the Edit Exclusions link and check the box next to role to be excluded from responding to the DEI survey: Reviewer (applies to all Reviewer roles), Publisher (applies to all Publisher roles), Editor (specific Editor roles may be excluded by using the multi-selector box).



Configure Inclusionary Data Collection page in PolicyManager. A system administrator can click the Edit Exclusion links to access and configure role settings.

Configure Inclusionary Data Collection

Listed below are the customized instructions and link label which direct the user to an external inclusionary data collection system and are displayed when an existing user logs into this Editorial Manager site.

To exclude specific user roles from being required to access the external inclusionary data collection system, click the Edit Exclusions link.

Instructions	Link Label	Required	Forced	Actions
<p>Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Survey</p> <p>We are deeply committed to fostering a scientific community that supports and benefits from the talents of researchers from a wide range of backgrounds. Please help us collect the data we need to gauge our success at advancing diversity, inclusion and equity in research by responding to the survey. Important: individuals' gender, ethnic or racial identities will in no way be used when evaluating journal submissions; this data may be reported in order to improve our policies and processes. For details about the storage of and access to this data, please see our Privacy Policy.</p> <p>The survey questions are based on those recommended by the Joint commitment for action on inclusion and diversity in publishing. Accessing the survey questions is required, but you may opt not to disclose your information.</p> <p>Click the link below to respond to the survey:</p>	Self-report your diversity, equity and inclusion data	✓	✓	Edit Exclusions

Edit Exclusions page accessed from the Configure Inclusionary Data Collection page. Roles other than the Author role can be excluded from the requirement of responding to the survey.

Edit Exclusions

Select any roles that will be exempt from interacting with the Inclusionary Data Collection System at login.

Users are exempt from answering when logging in as:

Reviewer
 Publisher

 Editor

Assistant Editor
 Associate Editor
 Editor
 Editor for Task Manager
 Editor in Chief
 Editorial Assistant
 Guest Editor
 Managing Editor
 Managing Editor - Books
 Production Editor





Editorial Manager®



ProduXion Manager®

Import and Ingest Enhancement

As part of Aries Systems' ongoing [migration to the cloud initiative](#) the Aries FTP servers that handle EM Ingest, manuscript import, and task import will be migrated to cloud servers. This migration is scheduled to occur in the weeks following the release.

Outside systems should monitor the connection to the EM server because the Aries server's host key will change.

Additional information and recommendations

This information should be communicated to publication staff and other users.

All outside systems that send EM Ingest, manuscript import, or production Task import packages to EM sites must use SFTP protocol (instead of FTP protocol).

Contact your Aries Account Coordinator with any questions or concerns.

TO CONFIGURE:

Publication sites that are already configured to use EM Ingest, manuscript import, or task import do not need additional configuration within Editorial Manager or ProduXion Manager.

