

## A CBE Retreat:

### Authorship in Biomedical Publication

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Optional workshop, 20 February 1998

Authorship, one of the most critical issues in biomedical publication, has in recent years also been one of the most hotly debated. (*Editor's note: See CBE Views 1997;20(4).*) What are the criteria for authorship? How many authors are too many for one paper? In a huge multicenter trial, who gets to be named in the author lists of the resulting papers? Journal editors, scientists, clinicians, and administrators will come together to examine issues in authorship and propose solutions to its problems in a lively weekend program.

CBE retreats belong to the participants, whose experiences provide the basis for all-group discussions. Panelists will discuss their views on issues in authorship, examining the prevailing standards and suggesting how they might be modified. "Real-world" perspectives will be provided by authors at many levels of experience.

The retreat setting is near the campus of the University of California, Berkeley. Located directly on San Francisco Bay, the Berkeley Marina Marriott faces the Golden Gate Bridge. Just across the street are acres of park land along the water, great for walking and biking, and terrific for kites. Within walking distance are good restaurants with spectacular bay views, and not far to the east is Berkeley's Fourth Street, with distinctive shops and sidewalk cafes.

The optional workshop that precedes the retreat aims at peer reviewers of scientific papers. It has been organized by Fiona Godlee, assistant editor of the *British Medical Journal (BMJ)*, and will be led by members of the faculty. Aspects of evaluating papers, journals' and editors' expectations, and responsibilities and limitations of the peer-review process will be covered.

#### Faculty

Linda Hawes Clever, *Western Journal of Medicine*  
Paul J Friedman, UC San Diego

Fiona Godlee, *BMJ*  
Mark Gruber, St Vincent Archabbey  
Richard Horton, *The Lancet*  
David Moher, Loeb Medical Research Institute  
Drummond Rennie, *JAMA* and University of California, San Francisco  
Richard Smith, *BMJ*

Mark your calendar now to join your colleagues for a weekend of spirited, stimulating exchanges. For more details and a complete registration packet, contact

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