

Authorship Retreat to Be Held at CBE Meeting; Abstracts for Poster Presentations Invited

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CBE's Task Force on Authorship, chaired by Frank Davidoff, editor of *Annals of Internal Medicine*, will host a retreat during the 1999 CBE annual meeting in Montreal. Cosponsored by the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Research Integrity, the retreat will be held on Monday, 24 May 1999, and will include presentation and discussion of the problems of authorship in biomedicine and various proposed solutions.

The task force is composed of 4 working groups. The research group, chaired by Phil Fontanarosa and Drummond Rennie, is coordinating research initiatives undertaken

by several journals and institutions. A group led by Susan Eastwood and Hilary Pritchard is developing a strategy for liaison with other relevant professional, academic, and regulatory organizations. Richard Horton is chairing a group that will produce a white paper on the issues. Faith McLellan's working group is organizing the retreat.

Abstracts for poster presentation at the retreat are being solicited. Potential topics include all aspects of authorship in biomedical publication, such as institutional policies, journals' experience with various forms of author or contributor lists, and authors' perceptions of authorship problems and proposed solutions. Reports of original research will receive preferential consideration.

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title and the text of an abstract on a single sheet of plain 8.5 X 11-inch paper. The title must be limited to 100 characters and the abstract must be no longer than 250 words. Ensure that this page does not contain any information that would disclose the identity of the authors to a reviewer. On a cover sheet, list the title, authors, affiliation, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address. Send the cover page and 3 copies of the abstract to Phil Fontanarosa MD Senior Editor, *JAMA*, 515 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60610. Abstracts must be received by Monday, 15 March 1999.

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