

1999 Annual Meeting Update

Communicating Science in the 21st Century: Research Integrity from Design to Dissemination and Beyond

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Our annual meeting approaches, and I am full of anticipation for the varied learning experience and enjoyment of the atmosphere and each other's company we are about to share.

If you haven't registered already, please plan to join us in beautiful Montreal, 22-25 May, for good company and great sessions. The meeting will be kicked off by plenary speaker Miriam Schuchman. You may have heard her on NPR's Sunday Weekend Edition or as a reporter and commentator for the CBC. She will be speaking on the important topic of industry-sponsored research and the issue of openness and secrecy in science. Our plenary speaker on the last day of the program, Joe Nickell, a senior research associate at the Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal and a former

Pinkerton detective and magician, will demonstrate the influence of the dissemination of pseudoscience.

Concurrent sessions will include the usual mix of topics of interest to journal editors, managing editors, publishers, production managers, and all those who work with the writing, editing, and publication of the results of scientific research. Session topics include research integrity and the media, what constitutes the best relationship between societies and journals, the challenges and opportunities of moving from print to the Internet, policies for handling author-editor-reviewer misconduct, and the ethics of ghostwriting, advertising sales, and mentorship in research.

Our Windows session, traditionally held



Miriam Schuchman

on the last day of the meeting, is a behind-the-scenes tour of the Canadian Space Agency. After lunch at the agency, scientists at work there will discuss their experiments while we tour their laboratories.

The authorship retreat being held on the afternoon and evening of 24 May will be free to registrants of the annual meeting. Instead of 4 or 5 concurrent sessions that afternoon, there will be 2 technical workshops, one on online copyediting and the other on manuscript-tracking systems.

Montreal is a wonderful mixture of European charm and sophistication. It is easy and rewarding to explore on your own. But to help you get a flavor of what Montreal has to offer, we have planned a few walking tours in Old Montreal and a bus tour on Saturday, 22 May, to the famous Oratory on Mount Royal, the Botanical Garden, and the Olympic Stadium and Biodome.

I can't wait to see you all there! À la prochain!