

Short Course for Manuscript Editors

On Saturday, 22 May, Montreal will be the site of the 1999 Short Course for Manuscript Editors. This year's program is planned with both newcomers and grizzled veterans in mind. Outstanding, experienced speakers will lead each class.

At 8:45 AM, we'll have "Coffee and Talk", an informal networking get-together. The formal program begins at 9:15, and from 9:30 to noon the group will split up into workshops. Newcomers will take "Anatomy of a Manuscript", in which 2 leaders will discuss how to write good titles and abstracts, how to determine what information goes in each of the 4 main sections of a scientific paper, why checking references is important, and

how tables and figures complement written information. Veterans have a choice between "Grant Writing" and a class titled "Evidence-Based Medicine: What It Means and What It Means for Your Job", which will focus on writing better abstracts for reports of evidence-based medicine.

After lunch together (for those who so choose), we will have a general session. Beginning at 2:00, all registrants may choose from 3 breakout sessions, each 1 hour long, which will be repeated at 3:00. Confirmed topics include "Ethical Issues in Editing", "Statistics for Dummies", and "Freelancing from Both Angles". In the latter, one leader will discuss the abilities that she would like to

see in a freelance whom she hires; the other leader will discuss what she, as a freelance, looks for in a boss or company that hires her. Afternoon sessions will end at 4:15.

Whether you're a novice in the manuscript-editing business or an old hand still interested in improving and enlarging your skills, we encourage you to sign up for the 1999 Short Course for Manuscript Editors. For more information, get in touch with Nancy Taylor at ntaylor@ghs.org.