

Authorship Retreat

Problems and solutions regarding authorship in biomedical publication will be explored at a CBE retreat on the afternoon and evening of Monday, 24 May 1999. The retreat will occur at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal, during the CBE annual meeting.

The retreat, "Authorship in Biomedical Publication: Progress and Challenges", is being organized by the CBE Task Force on Authorship, chaired by Frank Davidoff, editor, *Annals of Internal Medicine*. It is cosponsored by the US Department

of Health and Human Services Office of Research Integrity.

Material presented at the retreat will include results of experiments that journals are pursuing on proposed solutions, such as contributorship schemes. A white paper containing a history of the situation will be circulated in advance for discussion at the retreat. It will be available electronically beforehand, and copies will be distributed at the retreat.

The task force has invited representa-

tives of various editorial, academic, professional, and disciplinary organizations to give their perspectives on the issues. Confirmed participants include David Sharp, deputy editor of *The Lancet* and president of the European Association of Science Editors, and David Korn, of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Registrants for the CBE annual meeting can attend the retreat at no extra charge. Registration for the retreat alone also is available.