

An International Perspective and Publication

Scholarly societies in the United States are becoming increasingly international in membership and outlook, as recently noted in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.¹ The Council of Science Editors and its predecessor, the Council of Biology Editors, have long welcomed international members and pursued an active interest in international scientific communication. Likewise, the council's periodical has long contained articles by international authors and on international topics, both as the occasional feature "Scientific Editing Around the Globe" and elsewhere in the publication.

The current issue of *Science Editor* happens to draw on a particularly international authorship and to have an especially international orientation. In the "Dialogue" section, for example, Ana Marusic and Matko Marusic of the *Croatian Medical Journal* dis-

cuss how journals that are geographically on the "scientific periphery" can become

more a part of the mainstream literature. I encourage readers to share additional ideas on this topic, either as submissions to the "Dialogue" section or as letters to the editor.

Likewise, a research article in this issue addresses a topic with international and cross-cultural aspects: the use of racial and ethnic designations in journals. The article is a collaboration between authors in the United Kingdom and the United States. And it integrates findings from surveys of editors in both countries.

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cerned with nomenclature are important resources for editors. In the current issue of *Science Editor*, the CSE Style Manual Subcommittee alerts readers to potentially relevant changes in the organization and management of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. Readers aware of other such developments are invited to explore the possibility of submitting brief pieces about them to *Science Editor*.

The departments in this issue also draw on an international authorship. One of the book reviews is by Canadian member Peggy Robinson, who also contributes to *Science Editor* in her role as cochair of the Style Manual Subcommittee. And the "Solution Corner" contains a response from CSE member Tezer Kutluk, an editor in Turkey.

Finally, "News About Members" includes word that Sheila McNab, of the

Netherlands, has received a doctorate. I especially encourage international members to stay in touch by submitting information for this column. Feel free to send me e-mail at b-gastel@tamu.edu or conventional mail at the address in "Information for Contributors" (page 108).

The council has long valued international members and perspectives, and a global outlook is ever more important as science editing becomes increasingly international. I appreciate the international contributions to the current issue of *Science Editor* and look forward to many more such items in issues to come.

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