

Beginning a New Millennium ... with a 5-Year Index

Welcome to the first issue of what is now indeed the new millennium. In keeping with the occasion (well, maybe almost so), we are including a 5-year index to *Science Editor* and its forerunner, *CBE Views*. Enthusiastic thanks go to Winfield Swanson for compiling the index, which will obviate much shuffling through back issues. May much good use be made of this index, which also is available at the CSE Web site (www.councilscienceeditors.org)!

At this turn of the millennium, society is becoming not only increasingly information-based, but also increasingly international. It thus seems fitting for this issue to also feature an article urging greater collaboration between CSE and teachers of English

to native speakers of other languages, to help promote high standards of scientific reporting worldwide.

Appropriately, the article is itself a collaboration between an experienced teacher of English as a second language and a former president of CSE. We look forward to continuing to receive contributions on international scientific communication, both for our occasional series "Scientific Editing Around the Globe" and for other parts of *Science Editor*.

Whereas pieces in our



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departments other than letters generally are written by *Science Editor* columnists or are solicited by our contributing editors, this time the Departments section also includes a column that arrived over the transom (or whatever the e-mail equivalent of a transom is). Written by Mary Knatterud in her distinctively lively and literate style, this piece picks at a copyeditorial nit that she has found especially afflicting. To accommodate unsolicited columns on copyeditorial and other editorial topics, we have created a new department, Guest Editor. Please submit columns for potential inclusion to me at b-gastel@tamu.edu.

Readers of this issue might notice a new byline: that of Linda Wang. Wang, a graduate

student in science journalism here at Texas A&M University, has been doing a graduate assistantship with *Science Editor*. She has brought to her role considerable energy and enthusiasm, as well as experience as a communication intern at Argonne National Laboratory and the American Chemical Society. Her continuing contributions to our pages and her help behind the scenes have been much appreciated.

Welcome to this issue. I hope that you will find it interesting and useful and that many of you will contribute to *Science Editor* this year. Submissions for later in the millennium also are appreciated at any time.

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