

Help by Association

Societies, councils, associations—different names, but a common goal: bringing people together to share information and exchange ideas. With the growth of the Internet, the resources of such groups have become increasingly accessible. Reviewed here—in alphabetical order—are the Web sites of nine organizations in science editing and related realms.

American Medical Writers Association—www.amwa.org

The American Medical Writers Association (AMWA) promotes excellence in biomedical writing and editing. In keeping with AMWA's mission, this site posts up-to-date, comprehensive information about educational opportunities, such as AMWA's Core and Advanced Curriculum certificate programs, short courses, conferences, and workshops. The site also lists job openings and freelance opportunities. The tables of contents of current and past issues of the *AMWA Journal* are available as well. Click on "Links, links, links" for an extensive list of Internet resources, including databases and government links.

Association of Earth Science Editors—www.aese.org

The Association of Earth Science Editors (AESE) is an organization that helps earth science editors work more effectively. Its site describes how to become a member, how to nominate a member for an award, and how to join the association's online discussion group. A click on the button for the "related sites" page brings up an extensive listing of earth science links, including the sites of the US Geological Survey and the Ocean Drilling Program. The AESE newsletter, *Blueline*, is also available online. In addition, you can find a directory of freelance earth science editors, a job bank, and information about AESE's upcoming annual meeting.

Board of Editors in Life Sciences—www.bels.org

The Web site of the Board of Editors in the Life Sciences (BELS), a group that accredits editors in the life sciences, provides

information about the general certification process and the Diplomate and Honored Editor certifications. Peculiar to this site are profiles of board-certified freelance editors for hire. This site also contains links to the sites of other editorial associations and to online references. The members section posts job openings and members' contact information. This site may be viewed with or without frames.

Council of Science Editors—www.councilscienceeditors.org

For an excellent list of resources, click on this site's "References" link. Here you'll find online dictionaries, articles on ethics, guides to grammar and punctuation, and a number of databases. In addition, if you missed the last issue of *Science Editor* or want to know about an issue of *CBE Views*, their tables of contents are available online. Join the CSE Forum to share in discussions with other CSE members. A plus is that you can sign up for a service that sends job notices to your e-mail address.

European Association of Science Editors—www.ease.org.uk

The European Association of Science Editors (EASE) is an international organization promoting communication and cooperation among science editors. Its site contains information from past meetings; the tables of contents of its bulletin, *European Science Editing*; and details about writing workshops. Other links take you to a membership application and information about the next EASE meeting in Bath, UK. Both members and nonmembers are invited to join the EASE Forum, an online discussion group.

Scholarly Societies Project—www.scholarly-societies.org

This site features a database of over 1800 scholarly societies worldwide; it can be searched by name, specialty, or year founded. Here also are links to special academies and royal societies, international unions, and federations. In addition, the site contains a page of society standards and specifications and links to society publica-

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tions including newsletters of organizations in many areas of science. Other features include information on future meetings (arranged by specialty) and links to style guides. This site can be viewed in five languages.

Society for Scholarly Publishing—www.sspnet.org

The Society for Scholarly Publishing (SSP) is a nonprofit organization that promotes learning, communication, and the advancement of technologies in scholarly publishing. Visit the SSP site for information about SSP's seminars, meetings, and roundtable discussions. If you've missed an SSP meeting, you can read meeting summaries or order audiotapes of the sessions. A click on "Standards Watch" brings you to a page of links to Web resources on standards and specifications in scholarly publishing. There is also a page called "Useful Links" that provides links to Web resources such as search engines, book reviews, and government documents.

Society for Technical Communication—www.stc-va.org

The Society for Technical Communication (STC) is an organization for the advancement of all fields in technical communication. A distinctive feature of its site is a

tool that searches for academic programs worldwide in technical communication. The search can be limited by location and degree sought. Another feature of this site is a database of dissertation abstracts that can be searched by keyword. Abstracts and full articles in the STC publications—*Intercom*, *Technical Communication*, and *Proceedings*—can also be searched.

World Association of Medical Editors—www.wame.com

The World Association of Medical Editors (WAME) is an association for the cooperation of international editors of peer-reviewed medical journals. Its site contains an impressive collection of online resources. Available are guidelines for medical-journal editors (in five languages), a bibliography of books and monographs, and opinion pieces and research articles on authorship, the popular media, peer review and editing, journal publication, publication ethics, relationships with industry and advertising, and style and format. There is also a list of future meetings, short courses, and conferences.