

◆ Serving the Reader

This issue of *Science Editor* focuses on CSE's 44th annual meeting, titled "Serving the Readers of Scientific Publications" and held in Washington, DC. Special thanks to Ann Morcos, annual meeting editor, for obtaining the session reports that appear in this issue and those that are slated for coming issues. Thanks also to the more than two dozen meeting attendees who reported on sessions and to all the others who agreed to serve as backup in case a reporter became unavailable.

Presentation of the CSE Award for Meritorious Achievement has long been a highlight of the annual meeting. Likewise, highlights of the current issue of *Science Editor* include the introduction of this year's award recipient, Drummond Rennie, who has done much to serve readers, and the text of his acceptance address. Inadvertently, Rennie even supplied the idea for the

cover of this issue:

I had been trying to find for the cover an image reflecting both the content and the location of the annual meeting. Then, in his remarks, Rennie began reciting the "seven ages of man" speech from *As You Like It*. Suddenly I recalled that the Folger Shakespeare Library, not far from the annual meeting hotel, contained a stunning stained-glass window depicting the seven ages. Our thanks to the Folger for sharing a photograph of the window and granting us permission to reproduce it.

The various session reports in this issue deal directly or indirectly with serving readers. Among the summarized ses-



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sions related especially closely to this theme are those on science reporting in newspapers, evaluation of Web sites, and the upcoming edition of the Council's style manual, *Scientific Style and Format*. I hope the session reports in this and later issues will be of service to you, our readers.

In this issue as in others, the standing departments—Book Reviews, Views Afield, and Solution Corner—are intended to be of both service and interest. Ditto for the CSE News section, which in this issue emphasizes news from the annual meeting, including the yearly financial report for the Council, information on the 2001-2002 CSE Board of Directors, and an article on those receiving CSE Distinguished Service Awards at the annual meeting.

With this issue I begin my second 3-year term as editor of *Science Editor* (or *CBE Views*, as

it was called when I began). My thanks to the Board for inviting me to continue and to my *Science Editor* colleagues Grace Darling, Norman Grossblatt, Tiffany Inbody, and Roxanne Young for agreeing to continue serving with me. I greatly enjoy working on this publication—and I hope I am serving our readers well. Please let me know how I can serve you better. And please continue serving your fellow readers by contributing articles, letters, news items, and ideas.

May you, the readers, find this issue of *Science Editor* enjoyable and useful. I continue to be at your service.

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