

Highlighting Commitment to Committees

Groan as we might at the mention of committee work, committees are a mainstay of CSE. Thus, much of this issue of *Science Editor* reports on, draws on, and pays tribute to the work of CSE committees.

Like our previous March-April issues, this one includes a committee roundup (pages 65-67). Here, chairs of several CSE committees explain what their committees do and summarize activities and accomplishments. As well as updating readers on Council happenings, the reports help to illustrate opportunities available on CSE committees. Readers will agree, I believe, that CSE committees have accomplished much this year and offer fine chances for participation.

The rest of the CSE News section in this issue also features mainly work of committees. Program Committee Chair Christine Arturo and Vice-Chair Joy Moore note plans for

the CSE annual meeting, to be held 14-18 May in Vancouver. Iain Taylor, chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, discusses Vancouver attractions. Jessica Ancker, chair of the Education Committee, reports on the committee's main recent activity, the retreat "The Journal's Role in Scientific Misconduct".

CSE committees succeed in part because of excellent support from CSE headquarters, the subject of the article on page 68. My thanks to Diego Pineda for writing this article and many others (including those on pages 47, 55, 59, and 68 of this issue) while a *Science Editor* intern in summer and fall 2003. Congratulations to Diego on receiving his master's degree in science and technology journalism from Texas A&M University and accepting a writing position at The University of Texas Medical Branch.

This issue as a whole reflects work by a committee not included in the roundup:



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Editor Editorial Board and, more broadly, the *Science Editor* staff. While on the board, Mary Chapman submitted the article on pages 42-6, presenting a view from the Ocean Drilling Program on the future of electronic publication. Mary has since left her editorial post, and thus the Editorial Board, to work as a technology-applications instructor. We thank Mary for her contributions and wish her well.

Others on the masthead also have contributed to the issue. Cheryl Iverson, associate editor, wrote the thought-provoking

and enjoyable piece (page 39) on titles of editors. New book-review editor Beth Notzon has rounded up fine reviews. Della Mundy, now Solution Corner editor for almost a decade, has compiled yet another helpful set of responses. Less visibly but at least as crucially, Manuscript Editor Norman Grossblatt, Publication Manager Jane C Wiggs, and quality-control ace Roxanne K Young have helped to ensure that high standards are met throughout the issue.

If you might like to assist with *Science Editor*, please let me know. And if you hope to join another CSE committee when appointments are made this spring, I'll be glad to convey the word. For at CSE, the groans associated with committee work often give way to expressions of satisfaction.

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