

Diverse Range of Experts to Speak at CSE Conflict of Interest Retreat

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Journal editors, ethicists, researchers, and representatives of funding agencies and academe will be among the speakers at the October 2004 Retreat on Conflict of Interest in Scientific Publication.

Sheldon Krimsky will deliver the keynote address at this CSE retreat. Krimsky, who has degrees in physics and philosophy, is professor of urban and environmental policy at Tufts University. He has written extensively about science, ethics, and policy, including research and commentary on conflicts of interest in science. He wrote the recently published book *Science in the Private Interest: Has the Lure of Profits Corrupted Biomedical Research?*

A member of the board of directors of the Council for Responsible Genetics and a fellow of the Hastings Center on Bioethics, Krimsky has served in numerous policy advisory positions, for example, as a consultant to the Presidential Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research. His books

include works on recombinant DNA, agricultural biotechnology, environmental hazards, and risk communication.

The goal of the retreat is to educate editors about financial conflicts of interest and the risks they pose to authors, editors, journals, and science and to debate strategies for managing conflicts of interest in scientific publication. Topics will include the influence of funding and financial interests on science and publication; ethical and legal risks for authors, reviewers, editors, and journals; and the effects and limitations of disclosure, bans, and other management strategies. Cases will be presented, and speakers will address topics of concern across all scientific disciplines and from international perspectives.

Other speakers scheduled for the retreat include Lisa Bero, codirector of the San Francisco Cochrane Center; Martin Blume, editor-in-chief of the American Physical Society; Catherine D DeAngelis, editor-in-chief of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA); C K (Tina) Gunsalus, special counsel in the Office of the University Counsel at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Richard Painter, pro-

fessor of law, University of Illinois College of Law; James T Kroll, head of administrative investigations at the National Science Foundation; and Drummond Rennie, deputy editor of JAMA, who is also serving as an organizer of the event.

The retreat is scheduled for 29-31 October at the Hyatt Lodge at McDonald's Campus in Oak Brook, Illinois. The weekend will start with a keynote address on the afternoon of Friday, 29 October, and will end at midday on Sunday, 31 October.

Like previous CSE retreats, this retreat is designed to bring together interested participants in a variety of fields in an intensive and informal weekend of talks. Participants are encouraged to stay and eat at the retreat center so that they can continue their discussions and networking throughout the weekend; lodging and meals will be included in the registration fee. The Hyatt Lodge retreat center, situated on 88 acres of parkland, is 20 miles west of Chicago and a short shuttle ride from O'Hare Airport.

For additional information, including registration information, see www.CouncilScienceEditors.org.