

Statistics Course Added to 2005 Short Course Program

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The ever-popular short courses will be presented in conjunction with the 2005 CSE annual meeting, in Atlanta, Georgia. The short courses are intense 1- or 2-day courses for people who have recently taken on a new position or new responsibility or people who have served in a position for some time and want to find out what others are doing. Each course includes time for discussion, and each person who attends receives a course notebook of supplementary materials.

New in 2005 will be a short course on statistics. This course was developed in response to requests from CSE members and annual-meeting attendees. Several of the short courses include a short discussion on the use and presentation of statistics in scientific publishing. However, with increased pressure in all fields of science to provide evidence of the validity of conclusions, all types of editors and publishing professionals feel the need to learn more about statistics and how they should be presented.

This short course will be presented on Saturday, 21 May 2005 and will be organized by Jessica Ancker, MPH. The course curriculum will be designed to enable participants to read, understand, report, and edit basic statistical analyses.

The short course for journal editors will be presented on Friday and Saturday, 20 and 21 May, and will be organized by Iain E P Taylor, assistant editor-in-chief, NRC Research Press. The course will cover such topics as the roles and responsibilities of editors and authors, establishing a peer-review process and nurturing reviewers, and ethical obligations of editors, reviewers, and authors.

The short course on publication management (formerly the short course for managing editors) will be presented on Saturday, 21 May, and will be organized by Julie Steffen, associate journals manager and director, astronomy journals, University of Chicago Press. The theme will be the *managing* role of the managing editor and the host of management issues that managing editors face, from management of personnel to management with and of “liaisons” and

editors-in-chief, to management of publishers and other subcontractors.

The short course for manuscript editors will be presented on Saturday, 21 May, and will be organized by Margaret Perkins, chief manuscript editor, medical journals, University of Chicago Press. This course will cover such topics as editing of tables and figures, grammar and usage challenges, levels of editing, and statistics for the science editor.

The short course on electronic publishing solutions will be presented on Saturday, 21 May, and will be organized by Kevin Pirkey, vice president, Odyssey Press. The course will include information on such topics as digital art, information architecture, content-management systems, the logistics and cost of Web publishing, XML, and copyright.

More information about the CSE short courses will appear in future issues of *Science Editor*, on the CSE Web site (www.CouncilScienceEditors.org), and in the preliminary program of the meeting. Mark your calendars now to attend!