

## Open Access and Science Editor

As 2005 begins, the impetus for open access to more content from scientific journals grows. Thus, science editors continue to face decisions, issues, and challenges regarding open access. What is *Science Editor* doing in this regard? We have been publishing annual-meeting reports and other material on the subject. Since summer, issues of *Science Editor* 2 or more years old have been openly accessible through the CSE Web site. Later this year, a department featuring pieces on open access will begin appearing in *Science Editor*. And *Science Editor* has broadened another type of access: access to its editorial internship.

Last year, as usual, the *Science Editor* editorial board and staff met during the CSE annual meeting. In keeping with the annual-meeting theme, "Access Now and Into the Future", the board and staff expressed sup-

port for providing open access to older issues of *Science Editor*. (CSE members can access all issues.) Soon afterward, the CSE board of directors approved making openly accessible issues of *Science Editor* that are 2 or more years old. Thus, anyone interested can now access this content at [www.CouncilScienceEditors.org/publications/cbeviews.cfm](http://www.CouncilScienceEditors.org/publications/cbeviews.cfm). In addition, some recent articles are posted in the Reference Links section of the CSE Web site. Of course, I remain willing to provide articles if those wanting them cannot obtain them via the Web.

Recently, Editorial Board member Elizabeth L (Betsy) Fleischer suggested publishing a series of articles considering open access from a variety of perspectives. The result: establishment of a *Science Editor* department on the topic. Betsy has agreed to coordinate the

department, which is to start appearing later this year. If you might like to write something for the department or if you have topics or authors to suggest, please tell Betsy or me. Betsy can be reached at [Fleischer@mrs.org](mailto:Fleischer@mrs.org), and my e-mail address appears at the end of this Viewpoint.

Finally, *Science Editor* is providing another type of open access—open access to its internship. For several years, *Science Editor* has had an internship in which graduate students and others serve largely as staff writers. Initially, the internship was only for those at Texas A&M University, which houses the editorial office.



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Recently, candidates from elsewhere also have been considered. This past fall, *Science Editor* hosted its first outside intern, Claudia Clark, a former American Association for the Advancement of Science mass-media fellow who had recently completed a master's degree in mathematics at Northeastern University in Boston. I am pleased to hear from others who might like to spend a semester or summer here learning about science editing by working on *Science Editor*. If you are aware of promising candidates, please let me know.

*Science Editor* is committed to exploring open access and promoting its sound use. We look forward to your continuing help in this regard.

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