

Highlights of the CSE Board Meeting

The CSE Board of Directors met on 29 January 2005 in Washington, DC. Highlights of the meeting follow.

1. The 2004 CSE annual meeting, in Vancouver, BC, Canada, was a success in terms of both attendance and finances.

2. The CSE-supported partnership project among four African medical journals and five northern medical journals is more than midway through year 1. Technologic assessments of the African journal editorial offices have been made, and editors of two of the African

journals have visited the offices of their northern journal partners. The editors of each of the African journals have been given 2-year complimentary memberships in CSE. The next meeting of the partners will be in Atlanta, Georgia, immediately after the 2005 CSE annual meeting. All African journal and northern journal partners and representatives of the National Institutes of Health (Fogarty International Center and National Library of Medicine) will be in attendance.

3. Use of the Forum feature

on the CSE Web site, which enables users to post questions and receive replies on topics in scientific publishing, has increased substantially during the most recent 6-month period.

4. The CSE retreat on Conflict of Interest, held in October 2004, was a success, attracting 79 attendees and financially breaking even. On the basis of the retreat, a framework of questions and answers to help journals to develop and review current conflict-of-interest policies has been written; it appears on the CSE Web site (www

[.CouncilScienceEditors.org](http://www.CouncilScienceEditors.org)) and in the current issue of *Science Editor*.

5. The CSE Task Force on Science Journals, Poverty, and Human Development will be launched at the 2005 CSE annual meeting. Task Force Chair Richard Horton, editor of *The Lancet*, will lead a session during the annual meeting on the role of CSE and all science journals in the effort to combat worldwide poverty and disease. More information on the work of the task force is on the CSE Web site (www.CouncilScienceEditors.org).