

◆ The World of Science, All over the World

After serving on the Annual Meeting Program Committee for 4 years, I eagerly anticipated my year as chair. I was especially enthusiastic about our theme, "Working Toward a Sustainable, Equitable World", and the focus we would bring to global concerns, because of CSE President Richard Horton's passionate interest in these issues.

We expanded the scope of the meeting to include global topics while still offering a rich menu of educational opportunities for journal editors, manuscript editors, and publishers.

Sometimes, global issues overlapped with journal editors' concerns, such as how to find recycled paper to fit your journal's needs. In other cases, panelists addressed issues that concern us all as human beings. Like Richard, I was passionate about presenting these overarching themes to CSE members.

I had lots of help from a large

Program Committee and a subcommittee from the Task Force on Science Journals, Poverty, and Human Development. Everyone contributed ideas, speaker suggestions, topics, and organized sessions; I am grateful beyond words.

We diligently sought speakers from outside the biomedical field, and, probably for the first time, the keynote and both plenary speakers came from other scientific fields. E O Wilson, Gary Toenniessen, and Frank Tugwell are well known and highly accomplished; they are also extraordinarily humble, personable, and approachable. We were privileged to hear them, and I am honored to have met them.

Breakout sessions also had outstanding speakers from varied fields. Thanks to Betsy Fleischer, Colin Humphreys came from the UK and VS Arunachalam from India to share visionary ideas on using science to combat poverty and disease. Linda Toth

organized a terrific panel on how veterinary science affects human health and development. I tried at least to peek into every session; like some of the other attendees, I was only sorry that I couldn't be in two (or three!) places at once. Maybe on some other planet . . .

Of course, there are always a few glitches. The venue moved from Miami to New Orleans to Tampa, but Kathy Hoskins and her staff made the process go smoothly. Kathy and I visited New Orleans in July 2005, where we were gallantly escorted by Britt Bromberg. The night before he evacuated, he even wrote and e-mailed a wonderful article about his city to *Science Editor*. Britt is slowly



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reconstructing his house, but he made it to Tampa for the meeting.

And we had a very last-minute request to organize a session on the recent turmoil at the *Canadian Medical Association Journal*. But it was an opportunity too good to pass up, so we truncated the agenda of the CSE business meeting on Sunday morning and had a lively discussion about how to protect editorial independence. Attendance was so good that we may try it again in the future!

It was exciting to see plans come to life in Tampa. I encourage every CSE member to join the Program Committee and share the joy!

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