

2007 CSE Annual Meeting: Mark the Council's 50th in Austin!

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The 2007 meeting of the Council of Science Editors (CSE) will be held on 18-22 May in Austin, Texas. This year's meeting will be especially exciting because we are celebrating CSE's 50th anniversary. The meeting will focus on technologic developments in the digital age, globalization, and societal changes that will affect scientific publishing over the next 50 years. The history of CSE will be documented with exhibits assembled by volunteers. Devora Krischer is organizing a memorable social event that will include past presidents and other pioneer members of CSE.

The Program Committee is organizing sessions on coping with change, global publication, evaluation of the new CSE style manual, common data standards and protocols among fields in the digital arena, cultural issues in editing and language, tips on using Microsoft Word (including the new version to be released in 2007), and other subjects. The Task Force on Science Journals, Poverty, and Human Development, featured in the 2006 meetings and chaired by Paul Bozuwa, will have follow-up sessions dealing specifically with those issues. The popular ethics retreat organized by Diane Scott-Lichter in 2006 will be held again with a new list of intriguing hypothetical situations.

Austin is the home of the University of Texas, Austin, and enjoys a university atmosphere. The city is renowned nationally as a center for music and entertainment. The educational and recreational attractions in Austin are outstanding among US cities. Austin is unique among state capitals in the grandeur of its government buildings and landscaping, rivaling those of many countries. Plan to allow



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extra time for exploring the city and its environs. Excellent airline connections are available from most major cities.

The Local Arrangements Subcommittee—composed of Sherri Bowen, Lori Brix, and Anita Frijhoff—is planning several tours. Some possible destinations are the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, the Texas State Capitol complex, and the Lyndon B Johnson Presidential Library and Museum (the nation's largest and most visited presidential library). Other attractions that you can explore on your own include the University of Texas campus, the governor's mansion, and the daily evening emergence of thousands of bats from the crevices of the Congress Avenue Bridge. Town Lake, situated along the Colorado River in the shadow of downtown, is a relaxing place to take a break and enjoy walking, biking, bird- and bat-watching, pedal-boating, and canoeing.

The conference will be held at the beautiful Hilton Austin, near the famous 6th Street and the Red River entertainment districts, home to numerous clubs and the live-music scene. The free 'Dillo trolleys and buses provide transportation to downtown destinations of interest.

Be sure to mark the dates on your calendar and make your plans now. To find out more about Austin, consult the following Web sites:

www.austin.about.com/od/sciencemuseums/
www.austin.about.com/od/austinattractions/
www.10best.com/Austin/Sights_&_Activities/Sightseeing/index.html
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