

◆ Happy 50th, CSE!

Fifty springs ago, the initial forerunner of the Council of Science Editors held its first conference. As CSE now celebrates its 50th anniversary, *Science Editor* joins in the observance.

Much in the issue before you therefore focuses on the 50th. Special thanks to Devora Krischer, who chairs the 50th-anniversary task force, for providing a lively overview of the Council's contributions over the years. How has the Council's style manual grown and developed? What were the Council's early educational endeavors? When did the Council's international outreach begin? Please turn to pages 39-40 to learn this and more.

Also in honor of the 50th, Barbara Meyers has solicited reminiscences and commentary from fellow past presidents of the Council. Those obtained from past presidents Robert A Day, John C Bailar III, Susan Eastwood, and Tad Parker

appear on pages 41-42. (Can you imagine—or recall—the time when registration for the annual meeting numbered 32?) Later this year, we look forward to publishing 50th-anniversary reflections from others, including Barbara Meyers herself.

The 50th also has inspired the debut of a new *Science Editor* column titled Council Classics and featuring material reprinted from predecessors of this publication. The first installment, containing a late 1950s description of the obligations of an editor, appears on page 61. If you have items to suggest reprinting or excerpting in this column, we hope to hear from you.

Like earlier March-April issues of *Science Editor*, this one includes reports from chairs of CSE committees. (See Committee Roundup, pages 67-69.) As noted, the 2007 Program Committee has been planning a special 50th-anniversary annual meeting, with the theme "The Next 50 Years:

CSE in the Digital World". For more about the meeting, please see pages 65-66 and the CSE Web site, www.CouncilScienceEditors.org.

Here in the *Science Editor* office, we are especially pleased to welcome CSE to Texas for the annual meeting. We hope to see you on 18-22 May in Austin for this event. And we welcome you to visit us in College Station beforehand or afterward. Just 100 miles away, it's a brief drive by Texas standards. Our welcome mat will be out.

As the Program Committee recognized, a 50th anniversary is a time not only to look back but also to look ahead. Accordingly, this issue also includes articles on topics of contemporary interest. In the Features section,



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Carrie Cameron presents timely advice on working with authors for whom English is a second language (pages 43-44), and Nan Hallock offers a case study providing fresh ideas for small journals (pages 45-46). Elsewhere in the issue, Elizabeth L Fleischer summarizes new initiatives in open access (pages 55-57). Rounding out the issue are book reviews, the popular Word Hawk column, and a science-editorial poem that fans of Lewis Carroll may especially enjoy.

During the rest of 2007, *Science Editor* looks forward to publishing more from the Council's history, as well as to providing content that will help to prepare science editors for the next 50 years. Meanwhile, happy anniversary, CSE!

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