

# Short Courses: Four Great Offerings

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CSE Short Courses

Austin, Texas, is a new and exciting venue for the CSE annual meeting, and there's no better way to start the meeting than to attend one of the CSE short courses.

The Short Course for Journal Editors, organized by Iain E P Taylor and presented on 18-19 May, will address issues of authorship, the roles and responsibilities of editors, establishing a review process and the selection and nurture of reviewers, editorial decision-making, obtaining and improving manuscripts, journal-office operations, electronic publication, and ethical and financial issues.

The Short Course on Publication Management, organized by Patty Baskin, will be presented on 19 May and will

address such topics as managing change, managing communication and people, managing interactions with paper and online publishers and vendors, managing journal financial operations, and problem-solving.

The Short Course for Manuscript Editors, organized by Margaret Perkins, will be presented on 19 May and will cover levels of editing, including suggestions and techniques for determining the most appropriate level of editing for a particular manuscript; statistics for manuscript editors; grammar and usage; freelance editing; ethical and legal issues; and formatting and editing of tables and figures.

The Short Course on Statistics for Editors, organized by Jessica Ancker, will be presented on 19 May and will cover such topics as basic descriptive statistics,

confidence intervals, hypothesis testing and  $P$  values, and measures of association, including relative risks and odds ratios. Faculty will give demonstrations and provide examples from scientific publications and the lay press, and group exercises will allow attendees to practice interpreting, presenting, and editing statistical information.

Each short course combines lectures with group discussion, and attendees are strongly encouraged to bring their own problems and questions for discussion. Each attendee receives a binder of resource information and notes to take home for future reference.

For more information about the short courses, see the CSE preliminary program or go to the CSE Web site at [www.CouncilScienceEditors.org](http://www.CouncilScienceEditors.org).