

## Science Editor in 2008: *The Current Issue and Beyond*

As 2008 begins and CSE enters its second half-century, much is happening in science editing—technologically, ethically, internationally, and more. Thus, having greeted the new year, let me enthusiastically welcome you to a new volume of *Science Editor*.

In the current issue, we are pleased to present the last set of reports from the 2007 CSE annual meeting. Congratulations and special thanks to our annual-meeting editor, Jamie Holaday, for obtaining reports on all 30 sessions. Thanks also to the many attendees who wrote one or more reports. For information on the 2008 annual meeting (“CSE 2008: A Climate for Change”) and the CSE short courses that will precede it, please see pages 33 and 34 of this issue. Also, please see our next issue and be watching the CSE Web site ([www.CouncilScienceEditors.org](http://www.CouncilScienceEditors.org)) for

additional details about the annual meeting.

The current issue also includes the feature article “Careers in Science Editing: An Overview to Use or Share” (page 18). Drawing on interviews by lead author Shauna Kanel, the summer 2007 *Science Editor* intern, this article describes major niches in science editing and offers guidance for entering the field. We hope this article will aid those considering a science-editing career or thinking of changing niches within the field. We also hope it will prove handy when established science editors are asked about career options. Feel free to share this article and to distribute it more widely.

Indeed, we plan to distribute the article at a career-development workshop during the 2008 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) annual meeting, in Boston. Titled “Gatekeepers,

Midwives, and Wordsmiths: Career Options in Science Editing”, the workshop, developed with encouragement of the CSE Board of Directors, will feature editors in various settings, including journals, book publishing, the pharmaceutical industry, and the freelance realm. If you attend the 2008 AAAS meeting, we welcome you to this session, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM on Friday, 15 February. Further information appears at [www.aaas.org/meetings](http://www.aaas.org/meetings).

As we begin 2008, much else is in stock or in store for publication. These items include

- Feature articles on such topics as student science journals, the advent of ISBN-13s, conventions for using commas or periods to delineate decimals, and the JAMA Patient Page.
- More language reflections in *The Word Hawk*, more poems (including six hai-

kus) in *Peer-Renewed*, more profiles (including one of a science editor who is a dog trainer) in *Other Than Editing*, and, as always, an array of book reviews.

- Coverage of the 2008 CSE annual meeting and a variety of other conferences.

Also, on the excellent initiative of our Covers Editor, Poly Potter, preparations are under way to begin an online archive of *Science Editor* covers.

We hope that 2008 is starting well for you and that *Science Editor* will enhance your year. If you have content to suggest—or better yet, an article to submit—please let me know. This year, as always, your contributions are central to our success.

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