

## A Diverse Publication for a Diverse Field

For many readers of *Science Editor*, science editing means journal editing, whether as editor-in-chief, managing editor, manuscript editor, or occupant of some other niche. Yet many of our readers pursue other aspects of scientific editing or publishing. *Science Editor* tries to reflect and serve that diversity. The current issue is an example.

Several pieces in this issue are closely related to peer-reviewed journals and the scientific papers in them. For instance, the current installment of *Unbound: Perspectives on Open Access* (pages 57-60) explores the effects of open access on the impact of research. An article on the CSE Global Theme Issue on Poverty and Human Development (page 66) summarizes this project, in which 237 journals in 37 countries published articles on the topic and a symposium was held. Elsewhere in the issue, CSE President Ana Marusic reports on the World Conference on Research Integrity (page 49), which included a track exploring the role of editors and their journals.

The lead feature article in this issue (pages 39-41) focuses on a journal compo-

nent other than reports of new research: the JAMA Patient Page, which for the last decade has provided information to the public. The Other Than Editing profile (pages 61 and 62) features someone both prominent in the journal world and active outside it: Diane Sullenberger, who is executive editor of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, or *PNAS*. In her noneditorial hours, Diane is a dog trainer, horse enthusiast, and motorcyclist. Perhaps I should wonder about parallels between her editorial work and her dog training and motorcycling.

Books are another object of science editing and a love of many science editors. This issue includes an article on the rationale for the recent transition from 10-digit to 13-digit International Standard Book Numbers (page 44). As usual, this issue contains reviews of books on topics related to science editing (pages 51-54). It also introduces our next book-review editor, Susan M Shirley (page 50).

Style, in journals and other media, concerns many of our readers, and especially

intrigues some. A feature article in this issue (pages 42-43) chronicles historical and geographic differences in whether periods or commas are used to set off decimals. And our popular Word Hawk (pages 55 and 56) presents his top-10 list of copy-editorial grievances.

Like CSE, some other organizations in science editing and related realms address diverse topics. This issue includes highlights of recent conferences of two such organizations: the Association of Earth Science Editors (pages 45-47) and the American Medical Writers Association (page 48). Among items rounding out the issue are six haikus (in the Peer-Renewed department, page 63), previews of the CSE annual meeting and short courses (pages 64 and 65), and a brief introduction of CSE's new executive director and administrator (page 65).

Whatever your interests related to science editing may be, we hope you will enjoy this issue. And we hope you will contribute to the mix in our issues to come.

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