

"A Climate for Change": Join Us for CSE 2008

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From polar bears to plagiarism and from plenary sessions to poster presentations, the 2008 CSE annual meeting will offer an array of lively content and formats. Plan to attend this meeting, titled "A Climate for Change" and scheduled for 16-20 May in Vancouver, BC.

Sets of concurrent sessions will serve a wide variety of interests. Topics are to include

- Plagiarism—new delivery modes.
- Data-sharing—initiatives and obstacles.
- Alternatives to the impact factor.
- Recycling the paper.
- AuthorAID—progress and success.
- The writing workshop—helping authors to prepare manuscripts.
- EditorLink—helping journal editors to find the support they need.
- Regulation of pharmaceutical advertising.

More than 20 other topics will round out the offerings.

One innovation this year is a poster session. In keeping with CSE President Ana Marusic's call for more evidence-

based editing, this session will emphasize science-editing research. One poster will point out ways in which editors and journalists can assist in poster preparation.

Three sessions will deal with communication of science to those outside the scientific community. Expected themes are journals and the television documentary, bringing science to a variety of media, and the impact of the authors' summary (*Science*, 2 November 2007).

The keynote speaker will be Ian Stirling (Canadian Wildlife Service, Edmonton, Alberta), a leading expert on polar bears. He will address some of the climate-change issues that are the theme of the meeting.

A plenary lecture will be given by Michael Hayden, director, University of British Columbia Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics. Hayden is a world leader in Huntington disease research and on the effect of molecular genetic information on clinical practice.

The Program Committee and the Education Committee will be giving strong profiles to the CSE international scholarship recipients. Remarks by these editors are to be integrated into various meeting sessions. In addition, one or more special events will give fellow

attendees an opportunity to welcome the scholarship recipients to CSE.

The Local Arrangements Committee (Sylvia Taylor, Christy Costello, and Karim Khan) will be available onsite to provide hot and up-to-date advice. Preconference and postconference trips are being arranged for 17 and 21 May. One trip will be to the University of British Columbia Botanical Garden's "about-to-be-built" Tree Canopy Walkway and to the world-famous Museum of Anthropology. Members are reminded that 20 May is the day on which Canadians celebrate Queen Victoria's birthday. It is a public holiday but does not usually disrupt downtown life too much.

For those who wish to "do" the spring vacation while in Vancouver, the whale-watching season will be in full swing, and almost all the gardens will be ablaze with color.

However, visiting Vancouver Island is realistically a 3- to 4-day event. They have even more spring color than we do in Vancouver.

Please visit the CSE Web site (www.CouncilScienceEditors.org) for the latest information about the annual meeting. See you in Vancouver!