

# New CSE Short Course on Journal Metrics to Join Three Longtime Favorites

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Pittsburgh promises to be a place of treasures and pleasures for the 2009 CSE annual meeting. Here is one reason to arrive early: the new Short Course on Journal Metrics and three other CSE short courses will precede the annual meeting.

The Short Course for Journal Editors, on Friday and Saturday, 1–2 May, will provide a comprehensive survey of the roles and responsibilities of editors of scientific journals. Topics will include fundamentals of editing, the editorial board, journal management, publishing ethics, and business practices. The course coordinator is William Lanier, editor-in-chief of *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*.



**William Lanier**

The Short Course for Manuscript Editors, led by Stacy Christiansen, of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, will take place on Saturday,

2 May. It will include full-group sessions on statistics and ethical and legal issues. Concurrent sessions will be offered on such topics as levels of editing and freelance editing. A session will provide a comprehensive overview of editing tables.

Organized by Patty Baskin, managing editor of *Neurology*, the Short Course on Publication Management will be presented on 2 May. It will address challenges that managing editors and publication managers face. Topics will include managing communication and people, managing workflow, working with editors-in-chief, managing in a small society, and problem solving.

The new Short Course on Journal Metrics, coordinated by Angela Cochran,

managing editor of *Cancer and Cancer Cytopathology*, will be given on 2 May. Topics will include best practices for obtaining data from editorial-office reports on submissions, acceptance rate, and turnaround time. Online-use data, market analysis, and readership survey results also will be discussed. Suggestions will be provided for using data in making decisions for a journal.

Practical exercises and take-home course materials will help participants to continue to benefit from all these courses.

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).

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