

Science Editing Across the Media

Mention science editing to many in CSE, and the editing of journals is likely to come to mind. Today, though, science editors help shape communications for a wide variety of print and electronic media. The current issue of *Science Editor* reflects some of this diversity, in addition to the Council's main focus.

The issue opens with a feature article on developing and editing Oncopedia, an online source of information mainly for professionals caring for children who have cancer (p 75–77). The authors, at St Jude Children's Research Hospital, show how they combine traditional editorial tasks—such as peer review and copyediting—with editorial management of interactive features, such as wiki-style opportunities to add or edit text. They also discuss challenges of their task, such as promoting interaction among users of the site.

Another emerging medium is the e-book. In the second feature article in this issue (p 78–80), recent *Science Editor* intern Olga Kuchment explores e-books as a medium for publication in the sciences. Drawing on interviews with editors and publishers, she

discusses current and projected e-book ventures in this regard. She also reports on her experience in trying two e-book reading devices.

Perspectives of a book editor are included in the first article in our new series *Between Author and Editor* (p 97–100). In this article, on starting an author–editor relationship well, series editor Stephanie Deming (see p 97) presents thoughts from editors in a variety of settings, including book-manuscript acquisitions. On a lighter note, our annual summer reading roundup (p 87–90) features a wide variety of books that science editors may enjoy as avocational reading.

Speaking of avocations: The *Other Than Editing* profile in this issue (p 101–103) features author's editor and knitting enthusiast June Oshiro. Among her claims to fame: designing a double-helix pattern for knitting. The profile, by intern Bernard



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Appiah, includes Oshiro's observations on similarities between knitting and manuscript editing.

In keeping with the work of most in CSE, the content of much of this issue does deal largely with editing journals or journal submissions. This content includes an article by CSE President Diane Scott-Lichter on publication of research that could be misused to threaten public health or national security (p 81–82), a report on the most recent Mediterranean Editors and Translators conference (p 83–84), a *Word Hawk* column (p 91–93) on estimating the time required to edit a piece of scientific prose, and a *Solution Corner* column (p 95–96) on stating publication dates for journal articles.

Whatever medium or media you work in, we hope you will enjoy this issue of *Science Editor*. And we hope you will contribute to future issues. If you have topics to suggest—or, better yet, if you might like to write an article—please let me know.

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