1999 Annual Meeting Update

Communicating Science in the 21st Century: Research Integrity from Design to Dissemination and Beyond

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You must plan to attend the CBE annual meeting in 1999! Not only is the program rich and stimulating, but Montreal is a wonderful city to visit: historical, beautiful, sophisticated, and fun. Consider bringing your family to this meeting; there will be something for everyone.

The Queen Elizabeth Hotel, where the meeting will occur, is a lovely older hotel containing modern rooms with French country charm. It has a health club with a swimming pool, and it connects to an underground mall of shops. Many of the attractions are within walking distance, but we are planning 2 bus tours for Saturday, 22 May: one to Mount Royal and one to the Biodome, Botanical Garden, and Olympic Stadium. Walking tours of charming Old Montreal are also being planned.

Some changes have been made in our usual program to heighten your experience at the meeting. The networking breakfast has been moved to Sunday, the first day of the meeting, so that you can connect or reconnect with folks of like minds early in the meeting. The afternoon of the second day of the meeting will not see the usual concurrent sessions, but a choice between the authorship retreat being held during the annual meeting and one of two technical workshops, where users will describe and allow you to get hands-on experience with electronic copyediting and manuscript-tracking tools.

Some of the concurrent sessions being planned are sure to be of interest; topics include research integrity and the media, what constitutes the best relationship between societies and their journals, the challenges and opportunities of moving from print to the Net, policies for handling author-editor-reviewer misconduct, and the ethics of ghostwriting, to name a few. Our keynote speaker is Miriam Schuchman, a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and National Public Radio reporter and commentator, who will be speaking about industry-sponsored research and the issue of openness and secrecy in science.

That is just a sampling to whet your appetite. Look for the program that is being mailed to you, and register soon!

Short Course for Manuscript Editors

CBE’s Short Course for Manuscript Editors will be held on Saturday, 22 May 1999, at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal. In the morning, separate sessions will be offered for newcomers (Anatomy of a Manuscript) and for grizzled veterans (Writing Grant Proposals; Outcomes Research). The 2 groups will mingle during the afternoon classes; among the planned topics are basic statistics, ethics for manuscript editors, and freelancing. As usual, a workbook full of valuable information is included as part of the course registration. See the next issue of CBE Views for more detailed information.