◆ Highlights of the 1999 Annual Meeting

Report from Montreal

Attendees of CBE’s 42nd annual meeting, including 150 first-time registrants, met in Montreal to discuss research integrity and other topics important to journal editors, managing editors, manuscript editors, and publishers of scientific material. This was actually the last time we would meet as the Council of Biology Editors, as our president, Pat Huston, announced to those assembled. The membership had voted to change the name of our association to Council of Science Editors, and the change will take place 1 January 2000. A logo contest for the new name was announced at the meeting, and entries were accepted at the registration desk.

Each of the plenary speakers discussed a different aspect of research integrity, including pharmaceutical funding and its effect on research publication, the unambiguous writing of science, and the study of pseudoscience. The concurrent sessions were, as usual, a mix of topics of interest to our diverse membership. This year, an authorship conference, to which annual-meeting attendees were invited, was held during one afternoon of the meeting. Concurrently, popular hands-on workshops on electronic copyediting and manuscript-tracking systems were held.

Taking advantage of the opportunity of having so many of us in the same place, a session was held to discuss the E-biomed proposal of Harold Varmus, director of the National Institutes of Health. Blaire Mossman, CBE’s incoming president, moderated an open forum in which those interested voiced their opinions, explanations, enthusiasm, and concerns.

The Exhibits Hall was packed to the rafters with exhibitors and attendees visiting them, and the lovely city of Montreal beckoned whenever there was a free moment. Once again, it was a perfect opportunity for old colleagues and friends to catch up and for those new to CBE to make connections that will last through the years. We hope to see y’all in San Antonio next year!

Peggy Gidez and past CBE president Kathy Case join Lew Gidez before the annual banquet. Lew was CBE treasurer for more than a decade.

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Three Members Receive Distinguished Service Awards

CBE presents Distinguished Service Awards to recognize excellence in the performance of specific tasks by CBE members. Lois Ann Colaianni, Grace Darling, and Lee N Miller were so honored at the 1999 annual meeting.

Lois Ann Colaianni was recognized for her contributions to the CBE Scope and Mandate Task Force and CBE meetings. She contributed invaluably to the task force, in part by analyzing data from its membership survey. She also has given excellent presentations on bibliographic issues of interest to CBE. She joined CBE in 1986.

Grace Darling, a CBE member since 1987, was honored for her service to CBE Views and the CBE Scope and Mandate Task Force. As publication manager of CBE Views, she has contributed greatly to its operation and evolution. She also made substantial intellectual, administrative, and analytic contributions to the task force.

Lee Miller was recognized for multiple contributions made over the years. He founded and chaired the Education Committee in the early 1990s, founded and chaired the Information Management Committee in the middle 1990s, and established the CBE Web site. He also has served on the CBE Board of Directors. He has been a CBE member since 1980.