Short Courses continued

ing editor: Dana St John Kolar, managing editor for special projects at Circulation, will discuss electronic issues (online peer review and manuscript tracking), and Christine Arturo will discuss staffing (appropriate levels, hiring, and retaining). Both morning and afternoon will conclude with a problem-solving session to allow all faculty and students to respond to specific questions raised by the course participants.

Short Course for Manuscript Editors
Diane Lang, assistant director of publications, Editorial Services, at the Radiological Society of North America and coordinator of the Short Course for Manuscript Editors, has brought back many of her faculty from last year. The morning breakout sessions will feature two topics: Flo Witte, director of scientific editing at St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, will review the nuts and bolts of basic statistics, and Deborah Eng, editorial training manager at the Radiological Society of North America, will explore ways to define editing levels, develop checklists, and triage projects. After lunch two more breakout sessions will be offered. Patricia Godfrey will lead a workshop on usage and semantics, often-overlooked aspects of editing. In a workshop on molecular biology, one of the hottest fields of medical research, Rhea-Beth Markowitz of the Institute of Molecular Medicine and Genetics at the Medical College of Georgia will explore how we can make sense of the jargon in the language of molecular biology. Question-and-answer sessions will end both the morning and afternoon sessions.

“Executive Refresher” Option
Does reading about all these fascinating sessions make you wish you could pick and choose among them? Well, perhaps you can. If you have attended any short course in the past, CSE invites you to take advantage of an “Executive Refresher” offer. Sometime before the annual conference in Washington, DC, we are going to allow short-course alumni to sign up for a single session in any of the short courses for a fee of $35 (for members) or $45 (for nonmembers). Most of the sessions last an hour. We have tried to arrange the schedules of the courses so that you can attend a variety of sessions during the day.

We will be sending a special registration form to all short-course alumni so that they can participate. Note, however, that participants who register under the Executive Refresher offer must be responsible for getting their own lunch. When the registration form comes, please read the dates and times of the sessions carefully; some are offered on Friday but most are only on Saturday.

The CSE Education Committee hopes that many of you will take advantage of this excellent opportunity to participate in the short courses. Meeting others who are doing the same work you do, learning how to do things better, and working alongside eminent faculty are opportunities not to be missed.

CSE Reference Site Expands

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The references section of the Council of Science Editors Web site (www.councilscienceeditors.org/services_references.shtml) now includes new categories of links. Among the new categories are Acronyms, Economic Data, Maps, Measurement, and Media. Continued categories include Dictionaries, Ethics, Journals, General Information, and Grammar and Style.

The site is continuing to expand. “When I run across new links that might be useful, I’ll add them”, says the CSE Web editor, Seth Beckerman. “It’s always going to be a work in progress.”

The original references section was compiled in 1999 from a list of sites used by Judy Dickson, a member of the CSE Web site editorial board. Dickson is a freelance author’s editor.

Beckerman says the section can provide valuable tools for research. “It’s a good starting point”, he said. “It may be particularly useful for people starting out in the profession or for students.”

Beckerman notes that sites on the reference list typically are linked to hundreds of other useful sites. He invites CSE members to propose sites for the list. Suggestions can be sent to him at s.beckerman@cgnet.com.