CSE 2003 Annual Meeting: Join Us in Pittsburgh!

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2003 Local Arrangements

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Although May 2003 seems like a long way off, the members of the Program Committee have been hard at work arranging speakers and events for the 2003 Council of Science Editors annual meeting. (The e-mails have been flying fast, fluent, and furious!) Details are still being worked out, but a theme is emerging that is not only timely and engaging but all-inclusive: how human beings and science publishing interact with computers and technology. Ever since our name change from Council of Biology Editors, CSE has made a conscious effort to broaden our base to include all types of science publishing, and the 2003 conference is being planned with this idea in mind.

The 2003 annual meeting will be 2-6 May at the Hilton Pittsburgh and Towers in Pittsburgh, Pa. The hotel is convenient to many local attractions, and we look forward to helping members explore our host city. To start, here’s a brief overview of the venue:

Pittsburgh is a city of neighborhoods, and visitors to Pittsburgh are often surprised by how the city has transformed itself from a Rust Belt antiquity to a city with a new focus on medical research, high technology, and higher education. With a very walkable downtown area where the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers meet to form the Ohio River, visitors can wander by the rivers, jog on riverside trails, dine in a variety of restaurants, or take in a show at one of the downtown theaters.

Across the Allegheny River on the North Shore lie two new stadiums, the Andy Warhol Museum, the National Aviary, and the Carnegie Science Center. And in the opposite direction across the Monongahela River, East Carson Street on the South Side is an eclectic mix of antique dealers, thrift shops, coffeehouses, bars, and restaurants. Two funicular inclines rise above the South Side to Mt. Washington, offering a spectacular view of the city skyline.

Four Short Courses To Precede Annual Meeting

Diane Lang, Director
CSE Short Courses

The ever-popular CSE short courses will again be presented this year, preceding the opening of the annual meeting. These are intense 1- or 2-day courses for people who have recently taken on a new position or new responsibility or people who have served in a position for some time and want to find out what others in similar positions are doing. Each course includes time for discussion, and each person who attends receives a course notebook of supplementary materials.

The Short Course for Journal Editors, to be presented on 2-3 May, is being organized by Robert D Utiger, editor, Clinical Thyroidology. It will cover such topics as the roles and responsibilities of editors and authors; establishing a peer-review process and nurturing reviewers; ethical obligations of editors, reviewers, and authors; and electronic publication.

The Short Course for Managing Editors, to be given on 3 May, is being organized by Cheryl Iverson, managing editor, Archives Journals, American Medical Association. Cheryl and her faculty will focus on the managing editor’s role as liaison (with authors, reviewers, editors, editorial boards, and the publisher) and electronic issues, particularly those surrounding online submission and online peer review (to do or not to do, choices, pros and cons, achieving buy-in from all involved, effects on workflow, job descriptions, and staffing).

The Short Course for Manuscript Editors, scheduled for 3 May, is being organized by Margaret Perkins, chief manuscript editor, Medical Journals Group, University of Chicago Press. This course is being completely updated for 2003 with a new organizer and new presentations; more news will appear in an upcoming issue of Science Editor.

The Short Course on Electronic Publishing Solutions, to be presented on 3 May, is being organized by Nancy Wachter, senior managing editor, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. It will include information on such topics as digital art, information architecture, content management systems, the logistics and cost of Web publishing, XML, and copyright.

For further information, please keep watching these pages and the CSE Web site (www.councilscienceeditors.org).