New Brochure Offers Pointers on Publishing Careers

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A new brochure by former CSE President Barbara Meyers offers advice and resources for students and professionals interested in entering science editing and related fields. Titled Explore the World of Professional and Scholarly Publishing, the 16-page brochure includes

- Reasons to enter professional and scholarly publishing, descriptions of positions available, and checklists for determining suitability for such careers and skills needed for success in them.
- A list of publication types and settings and examples of “prestigious journals” and major books.
- Pointers on applying for jobs and information on job-search resources.
- Information on sources of education and training, including university programs, internships, and membership organizations in the field.
- An excellent list of Web sites, periodicals, articles, white papers, and books and directories.

Meyers notes that publishing has been called an “accidental profession” because people from varied backgrounds just seem to stumble into careers in it. Her brochure seeks to remove some of the serendipity.

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