CSE to Hold Scientific-Misconduct Retreat

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What is the scientific journal’s role in detecting and dealing with scientific misconduct? How should journals respond to misconduct allegations and correct the literature? The Council of Science Editors, with funding from the federal Office of Research Integrity, is sponsoring a 2-day educational retreat this fall to examine these controversial questions.

The retreat will be held 7–9 November 2003 at the Lansdowne Resort and Conference Center, Leesburg, Virginia (near Washington’s Dulles International Airport).

The event is open to all and may be particularly useful for professionals who work with scientific publications, such as editors-in-chief, scientific editors, managing editors, and manuscript editors.

Participants will have a chance to explore the ethical, legal, and pragmatic implications of cases of scientific misconduct through discussions, case studies, and presentations.

The retreat faculty will include

- Martin Blume, editor-in-chief of the American Physical Society.
- Catherine DeAngelis, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association.
- C K Gunsalus, Office of University Counsel, University of Illinois.
- Richard Horton, editor of The Lancet.
- Joseph B Martin, dean, Harvard University Faculty of Medicine
- Alan Price, director, Division of Investigative Oversight, US Department of Health and Human Services.

The event is being organized by cochairs Faith McLellan and Jessica Ancker, with the assistance of Mary Scheetz, of the Office of Research Integrity.

The registration fee of $750 will cover all meals during the retreat plus both nights in the conference hotel and the instructional materials. Events are planned from 4 PM Friday, 7 November, through midday Sunday, 9 November. To register, or for more information, visit the CSE Web site (www.CouncilScienceEditors.org).

News About Members

Jessica Ancker has started a new job as a writer and statistician with the Traumatic Brain Injury Clinical Trials Network while she completes her master’s degree in public health at Columbia University.

The network was recently created by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to conduct nationwide observational studies and clinical trials among patients with traumatic head injury. Ancker can be reached at the Department of Biostatistics, Mailman School of Public Health, 600 W 168th St, New York NY 10032; telephone 212-305-9406; fax 212-305-9408; e-mail jsa2002@columbia.edu.

Anita DeVivo retired at the end of 2002 after 40 years as an editor and manager of nonprofit publications, mainly in Washington, DC. She announced that after retirement she would help to launch DeVivo Press, based in Chicago, and serve on its board of directors. She can be reached at adevivo@prodigy.net.

Karen Potvin Klein is now a research associate and assistant director of the Research Support Core, Women’s Health Center of Excellence, Wake Forest University. She can be reached at Women’s Health Center of Excellence, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2000 W First St, Suite 101, Winston-Salem NC 27104; telephone 336-713-4704; fax 336-713-4228; e-mail kklein@wfubmc.edu.

Three CSE members were honored at the 2002 American Medical Writers Association (AMWA) annual conference. Tom Lang, of Tom Lang Communications, received the Harold Swanberg Distinguished Service Award, given to a member who has made distinguished contributions to medical communication or the medical profession.

Mary Knatterud, of the University of Minnesota Medical School, received the President’s Award. Dominic De Bellis, of Dominic De Bellis Associates Inc, was named a Fellow of AMWA.