Scientific-Misconduct Retreat to Showcase Variety of Viewpoints

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Joseph Martin, the dean of Harvard Medical School, will give the keynote address at CSE’s retreat “The Journal’s Role in Scientific Misconduct”, adding to the diversity of perspectives represented at the event.

The 2-day educational retreat is scheduled for 7-9 November 2003 at the Lansdowne Resort and Conference Center, Leesburg, Virginia (near Washington’s Dulles Airport).

Martin has spoken nationally on the need for discussion in the scientific community on conflicts of interest and the importance of maintaining public trust in the integrity of science. He is a former editor of the widely used textbook Harrison’s Principles of Internal Medicine, and he has served on the editorial boards of the New England Journal of Medicine, Annals of Neurology, and Science. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. A prominent researcher in Huntington disease and other neurodegenerative diseases, Martin is also a former chancellor of the University of California, San Francisco.

Other important perspectives at the retreat will be provided by the retreat faculty: 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; Alan Price, director, Division of Investigative Oversight, US Department of Health and Human Services; Sheldon Kotzin, National Library of Medicine; and Martin Blume, editor-in-chief of the American Physical Society. Blume hopes to present a report on the same topic from a workshop sponsored by the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, to be held earlier in the fall.

The retreat registration fee of $750 covers all meals, lodging, and instructional materials. Events are planned for 4 PM Friday, 7 November, through midday Sunday, 9 November. To register, visit the CSE Web site (www.councilscienceeditors.org). Early registration is recommended because a limited number of spaces are available.