The ever-popular CSE short courses will be presented in conjunction with the 2004 CSE annual meeting, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The short courses 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 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 will be presented on Friday and Saturday, 14-15 May, and will be organized by Robert D Utiger, editor of Clinical Thyroidology. The course 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 will be presented on Saturday, 15 May, and will be organized by Julie Steffen, associate journals manager and director, astronomy journals, University of Chicago Press. The theme will be the “managing” role of the managing editor and the host of management issues that managing editors face, from management of personnel to management with and of “liaisons” and editors-in-chief, to management of publishers and other subcontractors.

The Short Course for Manuscript Editors will be presented on Saturday, 15 May, and will be organized by Margaret Perkins, chief manuscript editor, medical journals, University of Chicago Press. This course will cover such topics as editing of tables and figures, grammar and usage challenges, levels of editing, and statistics for the science editor.

The Short Course on Electronic Publishing Solutions will be presented on Saturday, 15 May, and will be organized by Nancy Wachter, senior managing editor, Cadmus Professional Communications. The course will include information on such topics as digital art, information architecture, content-management systems, logistics and cost of Web publishing, XML, and copyright.

More information about the CSE short courses will appear in upcoming issues of Science Editor, on the CSE Web site (www.CouncilScienceEditors.org), and in the preliminary program for the meeting.