Highlights of the CSE Board Meeting

The CSE Board of Directors met on 27 January 2007 in Washington, DC. Highlights of the meeting follow:

1. The Board reviewed the work of the Task Force on Science Journals, Poverty, and Human Development. In February 2007, on the basis of that review, the Board released a statement disbanding the task force, endorsing the general principles it established, and calling for an integration of its activities into standing CSE committees. The Board also decided to establish a Task Force on AuthorAid to continue and focus the work that the earlier task force had begun on this important initiative to bridge the global publishing gap. Please read the Board statement (page 137 of this issue) for details.

2. The Board approved a proposal from the Fogarty International Center at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to host an event on the NIH campus to coincide with the release of the CSE theme issue on poverty and human development. The purpose of the event—which will be moderated by CSE leaders and attended by scientists, development experts, and members of the mass media—will be to raise awareness of the importance of research in addressing issues of poverty, global health, and human development.

3. The Board approved the expenditure of money on improving and customizing the CSE Web site.

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