

News Notes

Royal Society's warning about open access gets strong response

Funders may be forcing scientific researchers to change the way they publish scientific papers so quickly that "disastrous" consequences could result, the Royal Society warned in November. Its position statement says that it welcomes advances in technology "where the aim is to improve the exchange of knowledge between researchers and with wider society" — but it calls for funders to undertake a proper study before making researchers deposit papers about their work in open access journals, archives and repositories (www.royalsoc.ac.uk/page.asp?id=3882). But more than 60 Fellows wrote to the president to register their "disappointment" at the Society's statement, saying it "appears to be aimed at delaying implementation of the Research Councils UK's proposed policy on access to research outputs".

SfEP's revised Code of Practice

The Society for Editors and Proofreaders (SfEP) has recently published a revised version of its Code of Practice, now available as a download from its web site (www.sfep.org.uk). It provides a useful resource for all editors, proofreaders and project managers, whether working in-house or freelance, as well as their clients. The update takes into account changes in professional and business practices. It aims to establish and maintain standards of best practice for members and associates of SfEP and to encourage good professional relationships.

Geochemical Transactions moves to BioMed Central

BioMed Central will publish *Geochemical Transactions*, the online journal of the Geochemistry Division of the American Chemical Society, from 1 January 2006 (see www.geochemicaltransactions.com). *Geochemical Transactions* ranks third in impact factor among geochemistry journals and will become the first open access journal in the field.

Preventing accidental plagiarism

The Office of Research Integrity (ORI), which primarily handles complaints in biomedicine, reported that in the past 16 years only 5–12% of its misconduct cases each year involved plagiarism ("the appropriation of another person's ideas, processes, results, or words without giving appropriate credit").

A letter in *Nature* (24 Nov, p. 422) wonders if people are not aware of what they are doing; to counteract this, the writer suggests that, as part of a programme of rigorous instruction of university students, librarians should provide training in referencing and how to use reference management software (see also www.nature.com/nature/journal/v438/n7064/full/438002a.html).

More resources for science communication?

Journalists seem unable to take in any effects on the Earth that result from human activities other than climate change, says an article in *Global Change News Letter* (vol. 63, p. 3–4). IGBP (International Geosphere-Biosphere Project) has therefore changed the way it communicates what is known about the planet and how it is changing. Its projects have spread out from those primarily aimed at the scientific community to communicating to the public, with some success. But more resources need to be channelled into science communication, and not just into science itself.

Is Print on Demand the next big thing?

Readers of *TSO inform* (the e-newsletter of The Stationery Office) think that print on demand is a good thing: 29% had already tried it, and all but 5% were willing to. The advantages are obvious — no warehousing, simplified stock control, and flexibility, resulting in less capital tied up. But to be really effective the quality of documents produced in this way needs to be able to compete with those produced using traditional methods, and distribution has to be at least as quick as if the publication was already sitting on the warehouse shelf. It is no surprise that TSO is enthusiastic — they produce ten times as much print-on-demand material as their nearest competitor.

Or maybe the next big thing is Google Base

Launched in November, Google Base allows anyone to upload files for free to massive server farms — making their uploads instantly searchable. This could have important implications for data sharing in science. The data can be described with tags, allowing web content to be structured. But this system is pretty crude so far, and is mostly aimed at online markets for homes and jobs

and suchlike. (*Nature* 24 November, p. 400)

Free ideas

Today's intellectual property laws, based in the printing industry and mechanical industrialization, are increasingly under stress. Industries that rely on copyright and patents are turning to the law for protection — for example, Google is being sued by an authors' association to prevent it from placing book excerpts online. Enter the 453-word Adelphi Charter, a new approach that seeks to reverse the proliferation of patents and copyrights. The international group of lawyers, artists, scientists, and "experts" believes that the intellectual property system no longer serves the public interest. The charter declares that software, business processes and medical therapies should not be patented, nor should copyright be extended to things like databases that are simply compilations of open facts. It places the burden of proof on those who seek to expand rights and requires rigorous analysis, and broad public consultation, to justify changes. (*Economist* 15 October 2005, p. 83)

CUP journals in HINARI initiative

Cambridge University Press' journals are now included in the AGORA (Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture) and HINARI (Health InterNetwork Access to Research) programmes to bring online academic content to the developing world. AGORA provides online research publications in agriculture to developing countries, and HINARI provides online research publications in healthcare to developing countries. (*UKSG e-news*, 3 October 2005)

Partnership serves science and society

Blackwell Publishing has formed a publishing partnership with the New York Academy of Sciences, a prestigious non-profit organization dedicated to building communities of scientists and serving science and society. Blackwell and the Academy will publish 28 volumes a year of the 182-year-old *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, beginning in January 2006. Each *Annals* volume contains reviews of interdisciplinary subjects, based on presentations made at scientific conferences and workshops, organized by the Academy and other organizations, held worldwide.

(www.library.yale.edu/~llicense/ListArchives/0511/msg00004.html)

Oxford Open announces early results

Oxford Journals' open access experiment "Oxford Open" reports that in the first three months of operation, 9% of authors took up the open access option across 21 journals — but life sciences and medicine authors were the only takers — humanities and social science authors did not participate. Most uptake is from subscribing institutions, who pay a discounted rate. A further 19 journals joined the initiative in January 2006. (*UKSG e-news*, 3 November 2005).

Nature goes back to the 60s

Nature has added 1960–1969 to its online archive and is looking to release the 1950s in 2006. All editorial content from the print issues is available, including Articles and Letters, Review material, News and Views, News and comment, Literature and Essays, and also supplements. Images have been included when they are available within online copyright. (*UKSG e-news*, 16 December 2005)

Recipe for trouble

Researchers from CSIRO (the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization) in Australia have written a diet book — one with a high-protein message. It is being marketed with phrases like "scientifically proven" — and the research behind the book was largely funded by the meat and dairy industries. "The impression remains of a conflict of interest", comments *Nature* (22/29 December, p. 1052). Is there an element of sour grapes? The book is selling better than Harry Potter and *The Da Vinci Code*.

Web-based bibliographic tool

EndNote Web, being developed by Thomson, provides a full range of bibliographic management on the web. Users can import and edit references via a personal web account and use these references to cite in papers and create bibliographies. The tool searches ISI Web of KnowledgeSM, PubMed and hundreds of online library catalogues to help users build their personal

reference collections easily. It includes integration for ISI Web of Knowledge subscribers with dynamic links to "Times Cited" and related records. (<http://scientific.thomson.com/press/2005/8298414/>)

Microsoft and the British Library work together

Microsoft and the British Library have announced a strategic partnership to digitize 25 million pages of content (100 000 out-of-copyright books) from the Library's collections in 2006, with a long-term commitment to digitize still more in the future. Search results will be delivered through MSN Book Search service on the web. The items digitized will be available to anyone, anywhere and at any time. The Digital Object Management system, part of the National Digital Library, will enable long-term storage, preservation and access to digital items such as e-journals, e-books and CD-ROMs acquired by the Library through legal deposit. (www.bl.uk/news/2005/pressrelease20051104.html)

Breaking science news

The Scientist web site at www.the-scientist.com contains a complete archive of articles from *The Scientist*, including news, reviews, opinions, research, and profession news for life scientists and all those interested in the life sciences. Register free on *The Scientist* web site and receive *The Scientist Daily* — a daily e-mail with the latest stories from *The Scientist* along with breaking science news. Access to articles in the archive may require a paid subscription.

Wikipedia wind-up has repercussions . . .

Wikipedia is based on the idea that anyone can anonymously author or amend entries on the web. The downside of this openness was shown when prominent US journalist John Seigenthaler challenged the accuracy of a biographical piece on him in which he was implicated in the assassination of his old boss Robert Kennedy. Seigenthaler claimed that only one sentence in his biography was correct. After Wikipedia's founder, Jimmy Wales, told him that it was impossible

(because of internet privacy laws) to track down who had authored the piece, Seigenthaler described Wikipedia as "a flawed and irresponsible research tool". Wales has put in place a limited amount of control of the authoring process as a result of this incident. The sleuthing efforts of a book indexer led to the perpetrator of the wind-up (who worked at a small delivery company and resigned from his job as the media started closing in), but the damage to Wikipedia's credibility had been done. "We have to continually evaluate whether our controls are enough", said Jimmy Wales. (<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/technology/4502846.stm>; *New York Times* 11 December 2005; *FreePint*, 15 December 2005)

. . . even so, amend Wikipedia enthusiastically

The accuracy of science in Wikipedia is surprisingly good, says *Nature* (15 December 2005, p. 890, 900). New contributors are needed to increase the quality of the mushrooming number of entries. Knowledgeable contributors can make a sizable difference. And backing up a claim with a peer-reviewed reference makes a world of difference.

Now wash your hands

It has long been suspected that work can make you ill, and editorial work is no different. The work environment is seething with allergenic insect fragments and toxic bacteria, says *New Scientist* (24/31 December, p. 42), and the static charge created by computer monitors exacerbates their flow through the air. Office chairs are full of dust mites, and there are 400 times more bacteria on a desktop than on a toilet seat. And that half-full coffee cup? In communal office kitchens, one in five cups were found to harbour *E. coli*. Don't eat at your desk, and cut down clutter, the article advises.

Thanks to: Jane Sykes, Marie-Louise Desbarats-Schönbaum, Karen Shashok

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News from editing societies

ALPSP

The Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers (www.alpssp.org), with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and HighWire Press/Stanford University Libraries, has sponsored a study of open access publishing, "The facts about open access". The objectives were to describe various business models for scholarly publishing and to develop financial and non-financial profiles of the journals studied (peer review, type of content, acceptance rate, circulation, usage, etc). The study is available as a free-to-download PDF file from the ALPSP site.

Findings show that traditional print journals receive more than 10 times as many original articles as do fully open access journals, that they have a higher circulation and usage, and that they have a higher impact factor. Open access journals are peer-reviewed (although 28% of the journals investigated use editorial staff for this) and copy-edited.

IPed (CASE)

During its recent national conference in Melbourne, Australia, the Institute of Professional Editors (IPed; formerly the Council of Australian Editors, CASE) conducted the third national survey of editors. Pamela Hewitt compiled the results, which can be found at www.emendediting.com.au under the heading "Third national survey of editors". Of the 108 respondents, 87% were women. Most of the editors polled participate in professional development

programmes (95%), hold at least a first degree (92%), have more than six years' experience (nearly 70%), are older than 45 (58%), work full-time (60%), and charge a national hourly rate of Aus\$61. You can find a quite lively discussion of some of these findings on the same web site.

ASA, APC and ALA

Still in the Antipodes, the Australian Society of Authors (www.asauthors.org) opposes the sedition provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Bill 2005, arguing that the provisions will erode freedom of speech and artistic expression. The Australian Press Council (www.presscouncil.org.au) likewise argues that "the proposed sedition laws appear to go further than is required and should be reconsidered". Meanwhile, the American Library Association (www.ala.org) welcomes the decision to extend the USA Patriot Act for six months, to allow a thorough debate of the controversial provisions of the Act.

AAUP

The Association of American University Publishers (www.aaupnet.org) supports the lawsuit filed by five publishing companies (McGraw-Hill, Simon & Schuster, Penguin Group USA, Pearson Education, and John Wiley) against Google. The lawsuit seeks an injunction to prevent copyright infringement by the Google library-scanning project (formerly called Google Print, now called

Google Book Search). The Association had earlier raised concerns about the project (see "'Professionalizing' online information", *ESE* 2005;31(3):96).

CELJ

The Council of Editors of Learned Journals (www.celj.org) is again sponsoring "Chat with an Editor" sessions at the December convention of the Modern Language Association (MLA). The service provides scholars, especially younger ones, with the opportunity to meet one-to-one with an experienced editor to discuss any aspect of the publication process. By reserving a 20-minute "appointment", authors can obtain advice about preparing their submission, selecting a publisher (journals), preparing the covering letter, following style guidelines, corresponding with editors, ethical dilemmas, and any other aspect of journal publishing. Is this something for EASE? Would experienced journal editors be prepared to offer advice to aspiring authors at an EASE General Assembly?

SfEP

Interested readers can find reports of the 2005 conference of the Society for Editors and Proofreaders, held in Carlisle, UK, in September, on the Society's web site (www.sfep.org).

Jane Sykes (j.sykes@wxs.nl), compiler of this section, welcomes news from societies and national bodies concerned with editing, writing or publishing in the sciences.

Forthcoming meetings, courses and BELS examinations

Committee on Publication Ethics — Seminar 2006

10 March 2006 London, UK
Meeting free to members of COPE, GBP30 non-members. Early booking is recommended. (Contact: cope@bmjgroup.com; tel. +44 (0)20 7383 6602)

The new publishers

22nd International Learned Journals Seminar (ALPSP seminar)
31 March 2006 London, UK
(Contact: Lesley Ogg, Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers, tel. +44 (0)1245 260 571, events@alpsp.org; www.alpsp.org)

CSE 49th annual meeting

19–23 May 2006 Tampa, FL
(Contact: CSE@councilscienceeditors.org or see www.CouncilScienceEditors.org)

The culture of science editing

9th EASE Conference and General Assembly
15–18 June 2006 Kraków

See information on p. 23 and circulated with this issue. The registration form is at www.ease.org.uk. (Contact: www.ease.org.uk or Georgianna Oja, EASE Secretary, ease@pp.inet.fi. Abstracts of papers or posters to go to Jenny Gretton (JTGretton@ease.org.uk) by 15 March.

COURSES

ALPSP training courses, briefings and technology updates

ALPSP offers half-day and one-day courses and updates on the role of the managing editor, electronic publishing and marketing, journal marketing, production, fulfilment and finance, copyright, and related topics. (Contact: Amanda Whiting,

Training Coordinator, Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers, tel. +44 (0)1865 247776, training@alpsp.org; www.alpsp-training.org)

Style for reports and papers in medical and life-science journals

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Publishing Training Centre at Book House

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Courses on writing, science writing, training the trainers, and setting up publications (for dates etc. see www.timalbert.co.uk/courses.htm). (Contact Tim Albert Training, 5 Cobham Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 9AU, UK; tel. +44 (0)1372 377848, tim@timalbert.co.uk)

University of Chicago

Medical writing and editing certificate programmes are among the many courses available at the Graham School of General Studies (5835 S. Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637-1608, USA; fax +1 773 702 6814, <http://grahamschool.uchicago.edu>)

University of Oxford, Dept for Continuing Education

Courses on effective writing for biomedical professionals and on presenting in biomedicine, science and technology. (Contact: Gaye Walker, CPD Centre, Department for Continuing Education, University of Oxford, Suite 5, Littlegate House, 16/17 St Ebbes Street, Oxford OX1 1PT, UK; tel. +44 (0)1865-286953, fax +44 (0)1865 286934, gaye.walker@continuing-education.ox.ac.uk, www.conted.ox.ac.uk/cpd/personaldev)

Board of Editors in the Life Sciences (BELS) examination schedule

18 March 2006, Princeton, NJ
20 May 2006, New Orleans, LA (CSE)
17 June 2006, Kraków, Poland (EASE)
25 October 2006, Albuquerque, NM (AMWA)
19 May 2007, Atlanta, GA (CSE)
10 October 2007, Austin, TX (AMWA)
See www.bels.org, or contact Leslie Neistadt (Hughston Sports Medicine Foundation, Inc, 6262 Veterans Parkway, Columbus, GA 31909, USA; neistadt@hughston.com, fax: +1 706 576 3348).

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Articles should be submitted to John Glen, 166 Sellywood Road, Birmingham B30 1UX, UK; e-mail john_glen@jgla.demon.co.uk.

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News from editing societies is under the editorship of Jane Sykes (j.sykes@wxs.nl).

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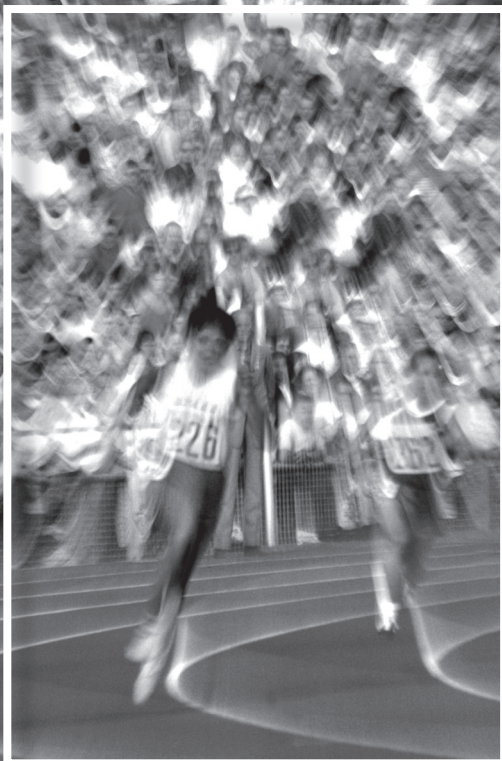
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