

## From the Editor

Dear Readers:

I once again had the pleasure of attending the Council of Biology Editors' annual meeting. This dynamic group includes editors and publishers from a broad spectrum of scientific fields. In fact, it has been proposed that the name of the organization be changed to the Council of Science Editors to more accurately reflect its membership.

As you might guess, the Internet was a hot topic. Discussions and lectures dealt with how the Internet is changing the distribution of scientific information. In some of the physical sciences, communication of peer-reviewed articles via the Web, has been occurring for years. Observational studies have been facilitated by electronically linking scientists at remote geographical locations.

Beyond making the printed word available on a Website, there are exciting new possibilities. Journals will be able to provide interactive features, for example, on-line calculators. This would allow the reader to actually plug in values and use equations and/or algorithms that are presented in an article. Multimedia enhancements are particularly pertinent to subjects such as surgical and perfusion techniques. I had the opportunity to watch a video clip that accompanied text on how to cannulate for minimally invasive cardiac surgery. Observing the procedure while reading the words provided a realistic understanding of its degree of difficulty.

We plan to stay abreast of this technology and hope to be able to offer some of these benefits to you. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,

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