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From the Editors' Desks

Taken on board

We welcome two new members of the Publications Committee. Stuart Handysides will be looking after the Original Articles section, and Sharon Davies will be coordinating the Reports from Meetings. They introduce themselves on page 90.

What's missing?

Can you think of a topic that needs to be added to the Science Editors' Handbook? Please let us know! And if you can think of a knowledgeable person who could write about the topic, all the better – email your suggestions to europeanscienceediting@googlemail.com

URLs – who needs them?

You may have noticed that the URLs of sources in the regular columns that depend on the internet – WebWatch, News Notes, and The Editor's Bookshelf – seem to be getting longer and longer. In this issue we start the experiment of shortening them, so that we can get more useful information onto the page, rather than cluttering it with things that are of no use to anyone. Or are the URLs useful to you? Would you rather have them on the printed page or go to the EASE blog, and click on them there, for access to the original item? Please let us know!

Members-only area of the EASE website

This area is still under development, but already has some useful information. To access the members-only area of www.ease.org.uk you'll need a user name and password – please contact the EASE Secretary (secretary@ease.org.uk) and Sheila will supply you with them.

Deadline looms!

If you are thinking of submitting a paper for one of the parallel sessions, or a poster, for the EASE conference in Pisa, please send a title and a 200-word abstract to the Secretary (secretary@ease.org.uk) by 30 September 2008. If you would like to participate as a speaker or chairperson, please let the Secretary know, indicating the session. More details of sessions are on p 69.

Erratum

In Arjan Polderman's editorial on the impact factor (November 2007;33(4):98) the page numbers in references 2 and 3 should be 46–54 and 68–72, respectively.

Contributions for next issue

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