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August 11-12, 2016
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**Wednesday, August 10**

10:45 AM - 5:00 PM  
COPE North American Seminar 2016  
“Ethics in Peer Review”

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Joint ISMTE - COPE Reception and ISMTE Conference Registration  
*Grand Salon*  
*Lido Room*

**Thursday, August 11**

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Registration and Breakfast  
*Lido Room*

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM  
Opening Ceremony  
Welcome  
ISMTE Update  
Awards  
*Versailles*

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM  
Keynote Session  
*Journals in the Post-Sci-Hub World*  
John Bohannon, PhD - *Science* Contributing Correspondent  
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Change is coming to academic publishing. It was only a matter of time before pirate file-sharing made nearly all scientific papers free to read—for everyone. Will the publishing industry adapt the way that the music and movie industry has? Will we be accessing academic research on a platform like iTunes for $0.99 per paper? A research-streaming service like Spotify that costs $10 per month? Will all journals become Open Access instead, either green or gold, but with embedded advertising? Then again, there is powerful inertia in publishing. Bizarrely, the consumers in this industry are also the producers of its content, with careers that depend on journal reputations. So perhaps academic publishing won’t change quickly. (Don’t count on it.)

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
Break with Exhibitors  
*Grand Salon*
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Breakout Sessions

Session A: Managing Editor-in-Chief Transitions
Lindsey Topp - Managing Editor, American Journal of Gastroenterology
Laura Creighton - Director of Society Products and Audience Engagement, IEEE
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Session B: Editorial Office Reporting / Using Reports for Good Decision-Making
Gwen Baker - Senior Trainer, ScholarOne Manuscripts, Thomson-Reuters
Judy Connors - Associate Director, Editorial Services, Drug Information Association
Salon Venezia

Session C: Reputation Management
Erin Wiringi - Manager, Marketing Communications & Outreach, Publications, American Chemical Society
Iratxe Puebla - Managing Editor, PLOS ONE
Borghese Garden

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Breakout Sessions

Session A: Managing and Rewarding Editorial Boards and Reviewers
Bruce Baum - Senior Editor, Oral Diseases
Patti Lockhart - Managing Editor: The Plant Cell, Plant Physiology, American Society of Plant Biologists
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Session B: Editorial Office Reporting / Using Reports for Good Decision-Making (repeated session)
Gwen Baker - Senior Trainer, ScholarOne Manuscripts, Thomson-Reuters
Judy Connors - Associate Director, Editorial Services, DIA
Salon Venezia

(See next page for Session C)
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
**Breakout Sessions Continued**

**Session C:** Science for English Majors (Or, Understanding the World of the Researcher)
Justin English, PhD - Postdoctoral Fellow, Roth Laboratory
University of North Carolina Department of Pharmacology
*Borghese Garden*

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM
**Networking Lunch**
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1:30 PM - 2:45 PM
**Interactive Workshops**

**Session A:** Improving Your Journal’s Instructions to Authors
Kurt Spurlock - Quality Assurance Lead, Research Square
Erika Kessler - Academic Formatting Specialist, Research Square
*Versailles*

**Session B:** Detecting Misconduct in Images
Christina Bennett, PhD - Associate Publisher, Ethics and Policy, American Physiological Society
*Salon Venezia*

**Session C:** Mastering Microsoft Word
Martin Spiering, PhD, ELS, - Project Manager, CSR, Inc.
*Borghese Garden*

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
**Plenary Session**

*Research Integrity and Our Industry Responsibility*
Elizabeth Moylan - Senior Editor for Research Integrity, BioMed Central
Bettie M. Steinberg, PhD - Provost, Research, The Feinstein Institute for Medical Research

**Moderator:** Margot Puerta - Manager, Laboratory of Biomedical Science, The Feinstein Institute for Medical Research
*Versailles*
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
**Coffee Break with Exhibitors**
*Grand Salon*

4:30 PM - 5:15 PM
**Vendor Breakout Sessions**

**Session A:** ScholarOne - Chris Heid, Product Lead
*Versailles*

**Session B:** eJournalPress - Anna Jester, Director of Sales and Marketing
*Salon Venezia*

**Session C:** Aries Systems - Tony Alves, Director, Product Management
*Borghese Garden*

**Session D:** Elsevier - Hazel Morton, Service Manager, ESS and EVISE
*Bala Room*

5:15 PM - 6:00 PM
**Exchange Forum**
Bring your burning questions and issues for your peers to help you solve!
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6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
**Reception**
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*Grand Salon*

7:00 PM
**Dine-Around Dinners**
Attending on your own? Or just want to meet more attendees? Sign up at the registration desk for one of our small group dinners at local restaurants (separate checks are arranged).
Friday, August 12, 2016

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Registration and Breakfast
Lido Room

8:00 AM - 8:25 AM
Poster Winners Presentations
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8:30 AM - 9:00 AM
Plenary Session
Publishing News Roundup
David Crotty, PhD - Editorial Director, Journals Policy, Oxford University Press
Versailles

9:15 AM - 10:30 AM
Interactive Workshops

Workshop A: Figures 101: Understanding the Technology of Images and Helping Authors
Lindsey Brounstein - Managing Editor, Cellular and Molecular Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Lauren Bragg - PLOS Production Client Manager, J&J Editorial
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Workshop B: Social Media: How to Make it Work for your Publication
Katie Murphy - Assistant Managing Editor and Social Media Manager, American College of Medical Genetics & Genomics
Salon Venezia

Workshop C: Production Best Practices
Matt Tomasheski - Team Leader, Production, Elsevier
Borghese Garden
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM
**Break with Exhibitors**
*Grand Salon*

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
**Breakout Sessions**

**Session A:** Data Sharing: Requirements & Best Practices  
Meredith Morovati - Executive Director, Dryad  
Brooks Hanson - Director of Publications, American Geophysical Union  
*Versailles*

**Session B:** The Business of Publishing  
Kathey Alexander - Publishing Consultant  
Joseph Esposito - Management Consultant  
*Salon Venezia*

**Session C:** Online Security Risks in Academic Publishing  
Abhinav Mittal - CTO, Highwire Press, Inc.  
Tony Alves - Director, Product Management, Aries Systems  
*Borghese Garden*

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM
**Plenary Session**  
Howard Ratner - Executive Director, CHORUS  
*Versailles*

12:45 PM - 1:00 PM
**Wrap-Up**  
*Versailles*

**Box lunches available**  
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Speaker Information

Kathey Alexander established her publishing consulting business in 2001. Her background encompasses all aspects of commercial and society publishing and all forms of information delivery. Kathey was formerly Executive Vice President of Professional Medical Publishing at Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, where she was responsible for the medical book line, more than one hundred journals (proprietary and society owned), and controlled circulation newspapers.

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Lauren Bragg graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and a minor in English. She joined the J&J Editorial team in April 2014, working in their Production department for the Public Library of Science on their Pathogens, Genetics, Computational Biology, and Neglected Tropical Diseases journals. She also joined J&J’s Copyediting department to work on the same four journals with the addition of PLOS’s flagship journals, Biology, and Medicine. That same year, Lauren assumed responsibility for a graphics task from the Public Library of Science. In January 2016, Lauren stepped into the PLOS Production Client Manager position at J&J, and facilitating communication between the Public Library of Science and J&J regarding production matters.
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Laura Creighton For almost two decades, Laura has been working with IEEE’s large collection of journals and magazines covering a wide breadth of topics from foundational to emerging technologies. As the program director for 190 journals and magazines, she works on ensuring excellence of coverage, developing new titles, strategic planning, and managing the periodical portfolio’s overall financial health.

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Brooks Hanson, PhD serves as the Director of Publications for the American Geophysical Union (AGU). He is responsible for overseeing AGU’s portfolio of many books and 19 journals and their editorial operations, helping set overall editorial policies, and leading future developments. Before arriving at AGU, he served as the Deputy Editor for Physical Sciences at Science and earlier as an editor at Science. Brooks has a PhD in Geology from UCLA and held a post-doctoral appointment at the Department of Mineral Sciences, Smithsonian Institution. His main areas of research and publications span the tectonics of the western U.S., metamorphic petrology, modeling magmatic and hydrothermal processes, and on scholarly publishing.

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