

EASE Business

EASE seminar in Barcelona

On 20 June EASE will run a seminar on peer review ("How to review and get reviewed") in the Faculty of Library and Documentation of the University of Barcelona, as part of the doctoral programme "Information and Documentation in the Knowledge Society".

The course is aimed at graduate students, teachers, and editors. It will cover topics related to the roles of reviewers, types of peer review, guidelines for reviewers, ethical issues related to the evaluation of articles. In a practical session, participants will act as referees. At the end of the seminar, playing "the game" that EASE presented at ESOF in 2008 will show the obstacles that need to be overcome to get peer reviewed and published.

The audience is expected to include local editors, to whom EASE will present the association and its activities as a way to broaden its visibility and increase membership. Attendance is free.

For further information or if you are interested in attending, contact Reme Melero (Rmelero@iata.csic.es).

List your publications

Are you aware that the EASE website has a page where members can list their publications, either recent or not-so-recent. Your contributions are welcome - go to www.ease.org.uk

French EASE members meet

With a festive pre-holiday spirit much in evidence, 11 members and prospective members of EASE met in Paris on 13 December for an informal discussion followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Three people had journeyed from Besancon, Nantes, and Lyon in order to be there. As usual at EASE gatherings, topics ranged freely over a wide variety of issues: electronic vs print publishing; the shortcomings of certain academic publishers (who shall remain nameless here); the merits of different types of software for journal and peer review management; problems associated with language, translation and being an author's editor; how to improve contributions from developing and under-represented countries; courses that teach science writing skills; and coping with budgetary constraints. Several participants brought along sample copies of their journals and reports to show.



Editors who lunch: Alison Clayson, Hervé Maisonneuve, and Brigitte Milcendeau

Both the location of the next EASE conference (Tallinn, 2012) and the proposed theme of digital publishing generated enthusiasm. Several people also commented on the new improved EASE website and expressed a willingness to offer news and articles for ESE.

When the wine and the apple crumble (a new French favourite!) had disappeared, we all agreed that it would be fun to meet again in the spring, and so we shall.

-Alison Clayson

News from Members

Eric Lichtfouse reports: Our journal *Agronomy for Sustainable Development* (ASD) has been spotted by Thomson Reuters. ASD indeed achieved the highest percent

increase in total citations in the field of Agricultural Sciences. See article published in the November issue of *Essential Science Indicators*: <http://sciencewatch.com/inter/jou/2010/10novAgrSusDev/>.

Mary Hodgson – new EASE Secretary



Continuing a recent tradition for keeping this position within the family, our new Secretary is Joan Marsh's sister, Mary Hodgson. Mary lives in Cornwall, south west England, with her two daughters and husband Mike. Mike works for a gold mining company with assets in Brazil so is away from home much of the time. Mary runs a small equestrian business called HorsePlay from the family home, which fits in well with the family's own horses and competition activities. Both children are now established in school, so Mary has agreed to take on the EASE secretariat for us to run alongside her other commitments.

Previously, Mary worked for a European funded economic development agency called LEADER, which accessed funds from the European Structural Funds to support local projects in tourism, farming, food manufacturer, bio fuels, and community capacity building. Following the success of this work, Mary and a colleague formed a commercial e-business company, Kingsbury Shaw, and soon had clients around the world from West Cornwall to the Seychelles and Cape Town, specializing in the management of tourism destinations. Kingsbury Shaw were instrumental in developing the infrastructure for the English Tourist Boards EnglandNet project, which set out to link up England's regions in a national database and promote them through all forms of new media.