

**Annual Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) Seminar 2003**  
**Friday 24 October 2003**

BMA House, Tavistock Square  
London WC1H 9JR

9:30–9:55 Registration and coffee

**Session I How do we deliver a Council for Research Integrity in the UK?**

Chair: *Professor Michael Farthing*

9:55–10:00 Introduction *Professor Michael Farthing*

10:00–10:30 Setting the scene *Dr Stephen Lock*

10:30–10:45 A view from The Academy of Medical Sciences *Mrs Mary Manning, Executive Director*

10:45–11:00 Research governance: NHS perspective *Mr Marc Taylor, Head NHS R&D Policy*

11:00–11:15 A view from Universities UK (TBC)

11:15–11:30 A view from the GMC *Ms Jane O'Brien, Head of Standards Section*

11:30–12:30 Discussion: where to go from here?

12:30–13:30 Lunch

COPE AGM to be held during lunch at 13:00

**Session II Editorial accountability**

Chair: *Dr Richard Smith*

13:30–13:50 Introduction: setting our own house in order *Dr Richard Smith*

13:50–15:15 Examples of editorial misconduct and the need for an international body to regulate editors *Sir Iain Chalmers, Professor Doug Altman, Dr Andrew Herxheimer*

15:05–15:15 Editorial conflict of interest *Dr Sara Schroter, BMJ Research Coordinator*

15:15–15:30 Coffee break

15:30–16:15 Discussion

16:15–16:30 Closing thoughts and summary *Professor Michael Farthing, Dr Richard Smith*

The cost of the seminar is free for COPE members and £30.00 for non-members. Numbers are limited and early booking is advisable. The registration form can be downloaded from the COPE website under the "News" section at <http://www.publicationethics.org.uk>.

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