

Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)

Setting a new agenda for good publication practice

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Programme

Publication misconduct and how editors should respond

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A view from the General Medical Council

Sir Cyril Chantler

A view from the Royal College of Physicians

Professor Stephen Tomlinson

Debate

Chaired by Dr Richard Smith

Breakout sessions to agree content of guidelines

Study design and ethical approval; data analysis

Facilitated by Professor Michael Farthing and Dr Stephen Evans

Authorship; conflicts of interest

Facilitated by Dr Richard Smith

Peer review

Facilitated by Dr Sandy Goldbeck-Wood

Redundant publication; plagiarism

Facilitated by Dr Philip Fulford

Media relations; duties of an editor

Facilitated by Dr Richard Horton

Debate: Use of editorial sanctions

Chaired by Dr Richard Horton

Summing up

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