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SfEP conference for 21st-century editors

The 2009 Society for Editors and Proofreaders conference, at the University of York on 14–15 September, will embrace the future and strengthen the foundation of the editorial profession.

The conference will follow the theme *Editing in the 21st century*. Topics such as virtual publishing teams and editing tables on screen will emphasize the need to adapt to the modern market.

Says conference director Lotika Singha, 'The 21st-century editorial professional requires a growing array of abilities besides the basic, essential editorial skills.' Delegates will be able to explore the latest developments and new ideas in electronic media as well as in traditional editorial roles.

Lotika continues, 'Our conference is an important event for editors across the UK. This year's programme will also provide even more networking opportunities than previously and the marketplace will provide opportunities for editors to meet exhibitors.' The conference is always well supported by industry sponsors.

Speakers include linguist Professor David Crystal, honorary vice-president of the SfEP and one of the world's foremost experts on the subject of language, and Dr Richard Smith, former editor of the *British Medical Journal* and now editor-in-chief of *Cases Journal*.

The conference programme includes instructive and topical workshops, seminars, lectures and question-and-answer sessions to provide an array of learning experiences.

Lotika Singha concludes, 'Our conference is a major opportunity for all editors, whether they belong to the SfEP or not, to gather together, learn and develop as professionals in a rapidly changing world.'

The SfEP remains the vital point of contact for editorial professionals in the UK and the annual conference is central to the Society's mission of upholding editorial excellence.

Booking for the SfEP conference is now open.

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Notes for editors

(1) Further details about the conference, including information for delegates and the booking form, can be found at www.sfep.org.uk/pub/confs/conf09/conf2009_advance.asp or requested from the office administrator Helen Martin, administration@sfep.org.uk, 020 8785 5617.

(2) For details of sponsorship and exhibition opportunities, please contact the executive secretary Justina Amenu, executive@sfep.org.uk, 020 8785 5616.

(3) SfEP membership comprises freelance and in-house editors and proofreaders, and corporate publishers, businesses and organizations. More information can be found at www.sfep.org.uk.

(4) SfEP media releases are available at www.sfep.org.uk/pub/news/news.asp?id=0.

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