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*how should editors respond?*

Meeting at  
BMA House  
4th November  
1997

The format of the meeting will be in the form of *actual* case-based presentations and how these were managed by the individual editors concerned.

Each session is built around a common dilemma that editors face. The opening speaker will have 15 minutes at most to give his/her presentation and then the debate will be opened to the floor for the next 35-40 minutes before the discussant will sum up and draw conclusions. All case-based presentations must be anonymised as far as possible.

The meeting will be of most interest to practising editors and members of editorial boards. The free paper session will consider anonymised cases presented in not more than 300 words and sent to: **Alex Williamson, Publishing Director, BMJ Publishing Group, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR**, by 10th October 1997.

09.00	Michael Farthing (Editor, Gut)	10.30	Alex Williamson (Publishing Director, BMJ Specialist Journals)
09.15	Introduction: aims and scope of meeting	11.00	Media interest
09.30	Michael Farthing	11.15	Richard Horton (Editor, The Lancet)
09.45	Redundant publication. Michael Doherty (Editor, Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases)	11.30	Discussant: Anne Cockcroft (Editor, Occupational and Environmental Medicine)
10.00	Discussant: Jane Smith (Deputy Editor, BMJ)	11.45	"Responsible" Ian Kennedy (Professor of Medical Law and Ethics, King's College)
10.15	Break and plagiarism. Philip Fuhrer (Editor, Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery)	12.00	Discussant: Peter Wilmetts (Consultant Cardiologist, Royal Strawberry Hospital)
10.30	Discussant: John Grant (Editor, British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology)	12.15	Free paper session from the floor but please inform the chair well in advance
10.45	Confidentiality and patient consent.	12.30	Treatment and prevention: what is COPE and why?
11.00	Richard Smith (Editor, BMJ)	12.45	Michael Farthing
11.15	Discussant: Malcolm Chiswick (Editor, Archives of Disease in Childhood)	13.00	CLOSE
	Lunch		

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