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**SAGE SUPPORTS FORMATION OF NEW SOCIETY FOR MANAGING EDITORS:
THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF MANAGING AND TECHNICAL EDITORS**

Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, and Singapore (May 17, 2007) – SAGE Publications announced today that it is contributing to the launch of an important new society for journal Managing Editors: **The International Society of Managing and Technical Editors (ISMTE)**.

This new society has been formed to promote the value of Managing and Technical editors positions, as well as other administrative staff, such as writers and proof-readers. The **ISMTE** will empower those who work in an editorial office to understand how they can, and should, influence journal policies to improve the performance and quality of peer review and author services. It will also provide them with the support they need to more-effectively complete their jobs.

“Despite the fact that many thousand peer-reviewed journals are currently published, most editorial office staff work in isolation,” commented Jason Roberts, PhD, Managing Editor of the journal *Headache*. “The **ISMTE** is the first network developed specifically for such individuals. With SAGE’s generous start-up donation, we’ll be able to provide members with an encouraging forum to share ideas, concerns and best practices.”

“SAGE chose to support the establishment of the **ISMTE** because, as a publisher of over 460 scholarly journals, we value the important role managing and technical editors play in professional and high quality administration of journals,” added Peter Binfield, SAGE’s Director of Journals Editorial. “As the natural home for authors, editors and societies, SAGE actively searches for areas in the industry where we can provide support and encouragement, and this new society was a natural fit for us. We look forward to partnering with this group in the future.”

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About The International Society of Managing and Technical Editors

The International Society of Managing and Technical Editors is an individual-based membership organization formed to promote the professionalism and value of the positions of Managing and Technical Editors. Society membership includes Managing and Technical editors, administrative staff, writers, proof-readers and Editors-in-Chief who perform their own administrative duties.

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