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Springer to collaborate with the Human Genome Organisation

The HUGO Journal joins Springer's biomedical sciences portfolio

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Starting in October 2009, Springer will publish *The HUGO Journal* in cooperation with the Human Genome Organisation (HUGO). Formerly published at Springer as *Genomic Medicine*, *The HUGO Journal* has a new design, new features and a new editorial team. Members of HUGO will receive free access to the journal online and be able to purchase print subscriptions at discounted rates.

The HUGO Journal will focus on discoveries arising from the basic, clinical and population explorations of the human genome and genomes of organisms relevant to human health. The journal will publish primary research papers of the highest quality as well as in-depth review articles on important topics pertaining to genomic medicine, human genetics, computational genomics and genomic technologies. *The HUGO Journal* will also publish key consensus reports and policy guidelines from the HUGO Council and its subcommittees. Several new sections featuring the description and utility of genomic databases as well as special reports on innovation and technology advances will be offered to foster the exchange of information relevant to genomic scientists.

"We are delighted to work with Springer to publish *The HUGO Journal*. In line with our new direction to focus on enhancing genomic capabilities, *The HUGO Journal* will definitely be an important instrument to promote knowledge, excitement and networking," said Professor Edison Liu, President of HUGO and Executive Director of the Genome Institute of Singapore.

Peter Butler, Editorial Director, Biomedical Unit at Springer, said, "We are very pleased to be partnering with such a prestigious society. Working together with the Human Genome Organisation, we look forward to supporting the advance of genomics research."

The Human Genome Organisation (www.hugo-international.org), an international organisation established in 1988, encourages collaboration among genome scientists around the world. Now that the human genome has been sequenced, the organisation is seeking the biological meaning of its information content and to this end, is focusing on the medical implications of genomic knowledge. HUGO also works to improve the genomic capabilities in the emerging countries of the world.

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