PRESS RELEASE

Estuarine Research Federation chooses Springer as publishing partner

*Estuaries and Coasts added to Springer's life science journals program*

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Springer, one of the leading global STM publishers, has entered a publishing partnership with the Estuarine Research Federation (ERF) for the journal *Estuaries and Coasts*. Appearing six times a year, the journal plays a major role in promoting research on and management of estuarine and coastal ecosystems. The first issue published at Springer will be February 2008. The partnership will be officially announced at the ERF 2007 Conference from 4-8 November 2007, in Providence, Rhode Island, USA.

*Estuaries and Coasts* publishes research on physical, chemical, geological or biological systems, as well as management of those systems, at the interface between the land and the sea. The interface is broadly defined to include areas within estuaries, lagoons, wetlands, tidal rivers, watersheds that include estuaries, and near-shore coastal waters. Editors-in-Chief are Carlos Duarte of the Mediterranean Institute for Advanced Studies in Esporles, Spain, and James Cloern of the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, California, USA.

Joy A. Bartholomew, Executive Director of the Estuarine Research Federation, said, “Authors who publish in *Estuaries and Coasts* share their important research on understanding and managing these magnificent ecosystems. The topics addressed are global and of primary importance for the planet’s future. We are delighted to join Springer’s distinguished group of scientific journals. This partnership offers our authors increased visibility and prestige for their research and provides our readers with increased accessibility and convenience.”

Janet Slobodien, Publishing Editor, Life Sciences, at Springer, said, “News ranging from imperiled coral reefs to hurricane devastation to the impacts of increasing populations in coastal areas demonstrates the importance of this area of ecology and environmental management. We’re excited to be working with the Estuarine Research Federation to increase the visibility of its work with researchers, managers, and decision makers throughout the world.”

*Estuaries and Coasts* will be published at Springer online and in print. The journal will include Online First™, Cross Reference Linking, and Alert services. All *Estuaries and Coasts* authors, via the Springer Open Choice™ program, will have the option of publishing their articles using the open access publishing model. *Estuaries and Coasts* will be included in OARE, AGORA, and INASP, three of the developing countries initiatives in which Springer plays a leading role. These initiatives provide scientists, researchers, and policymakers in low-income countries with free or very low-cost online access to Springer journals.
Created in 1971, the Estuarine Research Federation (ERF) is a multidisciplinary scientific society whose members are dedicated to advancing human understanding and appreciation of the Earth's estuaries and coasts, to the wise use and management of these environments and to making the results of their research and management actions available to their colleagues and to the public. The Federation’s members are academic researchers, public sector managers, teachers, consultants, students and others who are interested in estuaries.

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