**The Science of Nature is new name of Springer’s journal Naturwissenschaften**

Continuous article publishing will be implemented for the multidisciplinary science journal

Starting January 2015, the journal *Naturwissenschaften* - *The Science of Nature* will have a new name. By switching the title and subtitle, it will be known as *The Science of Nature* and thus be more identifiable to the international scientific community. Maintaining the German subtitle *Naturwissenschaften* will provide a sense of identity to the journal’s distinguished 100-year history.

In addition to the new name, continuous article publishing (CAP) will be implemented starting in 2015. CAP means that each article, after peer-review and acceptance, will be published immediately within the monthly issue, including a digital object identifier (DOI) and page numbers. By using CAP, the journal follows the trend of today’s electronic publishing, providing shorter publication time for all contributions.

Sven Thatje, Editor-in-Chief, said, “The title change is undoubtedly going to increase the scientific community’s perception of the journal as an international venue for research. However, the academic focus of *The Science of Nature* remains the same and continuity is guaranteed. The journal is dedicated to the fast publication and global dissemination of high-quality research in the biological sciences.”

Paul Roos, Editorial Director at Springer, said, “Academic publishing is a competitive world and we at Springer strive to provide the best possible services to scientists and their institutions. I am convinced that the structural changes to the journal will improve its attractiveness and its global scope in the years to come, as well as better serve the needs of twenty-first century science and society.”

The multidisciplinary journal *The Science of Nature - Naturwissenschaften* celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2013. Its overall aim is to promote the exchange of ideas in all topics related to the biological sciences and beyond. The journal will also publish contributions from the chemical, geological and physical sciences which are of interest to the broader biology community. The journal includes Reviews, Original Articles and Short Communications as well as the sections “Concepts and Syntheses” and “Comments and Replies.” A new feature called “Topical Collections,” promoting emergent areas of research, will also be introduced.

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