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Springer launches new journal in ophthalmology

Journal of Ocular Biology, Diseases and Informatics to be published under Humana Press imprint

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Springer will launch a new multidisciplinary journal in ophthalmic research, the Journal of Ocular Biology, Diseases, and Informatics, in March 2008. The journal will be published under the Humana Press imprint. The publication will cover all aspects of research on ocular biology, including blinding diseases which affect more than 20 million people in the United States alone.

Journal of Ocular Biology, Diseases, and Informatics will publish articles on all active areas of research on the eye including basic biology, clinical trials and new advances in the etiology, genetics, and progression of a range of eye diseases. The journal will encourage submission of translational research that crosses traditional subject boundaries and of articles that bring the power of bioinformatics to the study of ocular development, structure and diseases. Articles within these areas will summarize current knowledge, increase understanding, test therapeutic approaches and explore future possibilities. This journal will offer essential information for a diverse group of clinicians and researchers, as well as the pharmaceutical industry.

The new journal will use original research articles, short reviews, meeting reports, and special issues to provide timely and important information to readers. Joyce Tombran-Tink, PhD, and Colin J. Barnstable, D.Phil, both of the Department of Neural and Behavioral Science at Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, PA, USA, have been appointed Editors-in-Chief.

Richard Lansing, Executive Editor for Humana Press, said “Humana Press is excited to be launching this important, leading-edge journal with such outstanding editors and editorial board members. Along with our burgeoning book program in ophthalmic research, the Journal of Ocular Biology, Diseases, and Informatics represents Humana's serious commitment to providing ophthalmic researchers and physicians with the most comprehensive, state-of-the-art content possible.”

Journal of Ocular Biology, Diseases, and Informatics will be available via open access through 2009 on www.springerlink.com. The journal will include cross reference linking, alert services, and Online First™, a feature where articles are published online before they appear in print. Springer will also implement the online author submission system, Editorial Manager. This system allows the peer-review process to be handled quicker, resulting in faster publication of the articles.

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