

PRESS RELEASE

***Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery* added to Springer's growing medical program**

Springer and the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract announce partnership

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The Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT) has chosen Springer as the publisher of the Society's journal *Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*. Springer will begin publishing this monthly journal both online and in print in January 2007, with Volume 11, Issue 1. It was previously published by Elsevier.

The *Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery* is a scholarly, peer-reviewed publication designed to furnish the surgeon with the latest developments in gastrointestinal surgery. It includes editorial columns, the SSAT presidential address, articles by a guest orator, symposia, results of conferences, as well as original scientific articles. The official publication of the SSAT, the *Journal* serves as an outstanding forum for continuing education in surgery and diseases of the gastrointestinal tract.

The *Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery* is listed by ISI in the categories of Surgery and Gastroenterology and Hepatology and has a 2004 Impact Factor of 2.064. It is ranked 26th out of 139 titles in Surgery and 19th out of 46 titles listed in Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

Keith D. Lillemoe, MD, chair of the Department of Surgery at Indiana University and chair of the Board of the Trustees of the SSAT, commented: "We are very pleased with the progress and growth of the *Journal* under its current leadership. As the *Journal* continues to grow electronically with online submission and global distribution, Springer has shown itself to be best positioned to carry these efforts forward."

Rüdiger Gebauer, Springer's President of STM Publishing, said: "Springer is honored to be partnering with this important society and prestigious journal. The opportunity to participate in the *Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery's* educational mission is one that we take very seriously. Through SpringerLink, the *Journal* will distribute information to a broad audience in a timely manner."

Springer will publish the *Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery* in both print and electronic formats to serve the needs of librarians and readers around the world. It will be available via SpringerLink, Springer's online information platform and will include Online First™, a feature where articles are published online before they appear in print. The *Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery* will also offer all authors, via the Springer Open Choice program, the option of publishing their articles using the open access model (www.springer.com/openchoice).

The SSAT (www.ssat.com) is an international organization of more than 1,800 members. Its goals are to stimulate, foster, and provide surgical leadership in the art and science of patient care; to teach and research the diseases and functions of the alimentary tract; to provide a forum for the presentation of such knowledge; and to encourage training opportunities, funding, and scientific publications supporting the foregoing activities.

Springer Science+Business Media (www.springer.com) is one of the world's leading suppliers of scientific and specialist literature. It is the second-largest publishing group in the science, technology, and medicine (STM) sector and the largest business-to-business publisher in the German-language area. The group owns 70 publishing houses, together publishing a total of 1,450 journals and more than 5,000 new books a year. The group operates in over 20 countries in Europe, the USA, and Asia, and has some 5,000 employees. In 2005, it generated annual sales of around EUR 836 million.

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