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Springer acquires *Hepatology International*

New journal on the study of the liver to augment medical program

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The Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver (APASL) has chosen Springer as the publisher of its new journal, *Hepatology International*. Springer will begin publishing the journal in March 2007. The peer-reviewed journal, featuring articles written by clinicians, clinical researchers, and medical professionals, is dedicated to research and patient care issues in hepatology.

The quarterly journal will publish original research articles, covering both clinical aspects and basic research, as well as reviews, selected article summaries, case reports and video submissions. It will focus on new and emerging technologies and advances in liver and biliary disorders. The first issue will be made available to all the delegates of the upcoming APASL Kyoto 2007 meeting in March, and will contain peer-reviewed articles as well as all the abstracts presented at the Kyoto conference.

One of the editors of *Hepatology International* and Past President of the APASL, Professor Y. F. Liaw, observed, “APASL sought a publisher that could bring the excellent journal content in the field of liver and biliary sciences to the widest possible audience and increase its visibility within the medical community. In Springer, we have found an outstanding publishing partner capable of meeting those goals.”

Professor Veena Malhotra, Secretary General, APASL, commented, “Springer’s electronic platform, and the Online First™ option, will ensure that articles are published quickly and efficiently, offering readers access to newly published material before it appears in print.”

Springer’s President of STM Publishing, Rüdiger Gebauer, said, “We are proud to partner with APASL in advancing the growth of the Association and its dissemination of important scientific and clinical information. Springer’s strong international publishing programs, particularly in Asia, are further enhanced by the publication of *Hepatology International*. Our unique services will help provide medical communities with essential scientific information.”

Springer will publish *Hepatology International* in both print and electronic formats, serving the needs of librarians and readers worldwide. The online version, available on SpringerLink, will include Online First™, Cross Reference Linking, and Alert services. *Hepatology International* offers all authors, via the Springer Open Choice program, the option of publishing their articles using the open access publishing model.

APASL (http://www.apaslindia2004.com) was founded in 1978. Today it is one of the leading associations for the treatment of liver diseases and its research helps to improve treatment methods for millions of liver patients, particularly in the Asian Pacific region. APASL’s main objectives are to promote the latest scientific advancements, education, and exchange of information in hepatology science, and encourage the practice of medicine in liver diseases.
Springer (www.springer.com) is the second-largest publisher worldwide in the science, technology, and medicine (STM) sector. It publishes on behalf of more than 300 academic associations and professional societies. Springer is part of Springer Science+Business Media, one of the world’s leading suppliers of scientific and specialist literature. 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 838 million.

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