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Nature Publishing Group to co-publish two top-quality international journals based in China

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) today announces newly signed co-publishing agreements for two Shanghai-based journals. The *Asian Journal of Andrology* (AJA) and *Acta Pharmacologica Sinica* (APS) are both sponsored by the Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica (SIMM), Chinese Academy of Sciences; AJA is also sponsored by Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU).

AJA focuses on the increasingly important branch of medicine that deals with the male reproductive physiology and pathology and is the official journal of the Asian Society of Andrology. APS, the official journal of the Chinese Pharmacological Society, covers the entire breadth of pharmacology.

David Swinbanks, Publishing Director of NPG, said "We are excited to be co-publishing these journals with such distinguished partners. These new agreements, together with our existing partnership to publish the journal *Cell Research*, also based in Shanghai, mean that from 2009 we will publish the top three ranked journals in life science or chemistry based in mainland China. These are excellent additions to our program of partnerships with key scientific and clinical organizations across the Asia-Pacific region."

"We are delighted that Nature Publishing Group, which is renowned as one of the world's premier science publishers, will now be co-publishing these two high-quality journals with us," said Professor Jian Ding, Director of SIMM. "We expect that this new partnership will help the journals to go from strength-to-strength in the future."

Vice President of SJTU Zheng-Gang Zhu said "Our University is pleased to be a sponsor of the top andrology journal in Asia-Pacific, especially now that it will be co-published by Nature Publishing Group. This cooperation with NPG will build on the international reputation of AJA, furthering communication between Chinese researchers and their international peers."

"This is an exciting partnership between AJA and NPG, improving both AJA's global reach and NPG's standing in Asia and China," said Professor Yi-Fei Wang, Editor-in-Chief of AJA.

These partnerships are the latest in a series of partnerships that NPG Nature Asia-Pacific is undertaking with scientific and clinical societies in this region (see link below for more information).

AJA and APS will be able to take advantage of NPG's strengths including editorial expertise, pioneering web technologies, innovative formats and high-quality production to provide premium information for scientific researchers in the public and private

sectors, government agencies and educators. Papers published in the journals will receive high exposure through nature.com, which has over 35 million page downloads per month, and can also benefit from press coverage and quick publication, including publication ahead of print.

These landmark agreements, alongside the recent launch of the website *Nature China*, mark the next steps in NPG's broader strategy to publish the best of Chinese science.

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About Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica

The Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica, Chinese Academy of Sciences, was founded in 1932. It was established as the institute for drug research within the Chinese Academy of Sciences. The principal aim of the Institute is to promote drug discovery and development through research on the structure, targets and mechanisms of activity of bioactive substances. More information is available at www.simm.ac.cn/English/English.htm.

About Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Shanghai Jiao Tong University, formerly known as the Nang Yang Public School, was founded in 1896. It is one of the oldest universities in China. The University, with its 21 academic schools, places emphasis on the development of science and technology and has produced many prestigious alumni. For further information, please visit www.sjtu.edu.cn/english/index/index.htm.

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