

Comment pieces of 2013

Our editors' pick of some of the best expert-comment pieces of the year.

18 December 2013

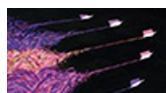
What will replace peer review, mapping the brain and US government shutdown were some of the hottest topics of discussion in 2013.



Hurricane Sandy: After the deluge

Gordon Fishell describes how he rebuilt his mouse research programme following the devastation wrought by Hurricane Sandy.

24 April 2013



Scholarship: Beyond the paper

The journal and article are being superseded by algorithms that filter, rate and disseminate scholarship as it happens, argues Jason Priem.

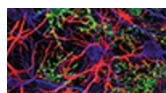
27 March 2013



Research funding: Same work, twice the money?

Funding agencies may be paying out duplicate grants, according to an analysis by Harold R. Garner, Lauren J. McIver and Michael B. Waitzkin.

30 January 2013



Neuroscience: Map the other brain

Glia, the non-neuronal cells that make up most of the brain, must not be left out of an ambitious US mapping initiative, says R. Douglas Fields.

4 September 2013



Climate change: A patchwork of emissions cuts

Home-made national approaches can be effective for climate-change mitigation if countries agree on rules and build trust, says Elliot Diringer.

18 September 2013



Climate science: Vast costs of Arctic change

Methane released by melting permafrost will have global economic impacts, say Gail Whiteman, Chris Hope and Peter Wadhams.

24 July 2013



Policy: Update the Chemical Weapons Convention

Bring biological threats into the treaty and make chemists more aware of the dark side of their research, says Leiv K. Sydnes.

3 April 2013



Politics: The long shadow of the shutdown

Stalled Antarctic field work has jeopardized early-career scientists and their projects, says Gretchen E. Hofmann.

18 October 2013



Ecosystems: Time to model all life on Earth

Ecologists — like climate scientists — should simulate whole ecosystems, argue Drew Purves and colleagues.

16 January 2013



Alfred Russel Wallace: Evolution's red-hot radical

Alfred Russel Wallace was a visionary scientist in his own right, a daring explorer and a passionate socialist, argues Andrew Berry.

10 April 2013

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