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n next week's Naturejobs, readers will notice the latest step in the evolution of the section, and our most recent attempt to better serve the aspirations of career-minded scientists. Our print pages will receive a facelift that the editorial team hopes will improve the overall look, ease of navigation and our ability to provide timely information.

Along with some cosmetic tweaks will be more substantive changes. We'll be adding a regular section of news briefs covering, for example, the launch of new research centres and funded programmes, and updates on previous stories. These briefs, along with longer careers news stories, will endeavour to keep readers abreast of the current events that affect the science workforce.

The Prospects commentaries will have occasional guest contributors who will share various and different points of view from inside academia, government and the private sector. Movers will be converted into a new element called Careers Q&A, where the basic aim will be the same: to track the career arcs of science professionals in a way that informs job-seekers and others contemplating their future paths in science. But we hope Careers Q&A will be more engaging, informative and informal.

We will also include more data graphics, describing trends in employment or higher education. Sometimes a graph or table captures more clearly a growing interest — or perhaps highlights the issues at hand, whether changes in salary or the career fates of postdocs. Our Features will continue to cover a range of topics, from regional jobs hot spots to employment trends in different research disciplines. Our Postdoc Journal writers will keep documenting their aspirations and experiences in their respective fields.

These changes follow a website revamp that we launched late last year. We reorganized the site to facilitate both job searching and access to editorial content. And as always, we welcome feedback as well as story ideas. Tell us what we're doing right, what we're doing wrong, what we're missing and how we can improve.

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