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### ***Light: Science & Applications* ranks fourth in optics with first impact factor**

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***Light: Science & Applications***, the open access journal from Nature Publishing Group (NPG) has today received its first impact factor of 8.476, coming fourth among 82 journals in optics, according to the 2013 *Journal Citation Report* published by Thomson Reuters, a category that is led by NPG's *Nature Photonics*.

Launched in March 2012, in collaboration with Changchun Institute of Optics, Fine Mechanics and Physics in the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CIOMP, CAS), *Light Science & Applications* (LSA) is the first open access partner journal in the field of physics launched by Nature Publishing Group in China. The impact factor received reflects the number of citations resulting from the high quality content published in the open access journal.

Sam Burridge, Managing Director Open Research, Nature Publishing Group/Palgrave Macmillan said: "We're delighted that our open access journal *Light Science & Applications* is already publishing some of the best high quality research in the global optics research field, ranking high in the optics related journals, and that it is also proving popular with the community."

She adds: "The journal's first Impact Factor represents a substantial success achieved through the collaboration by NPG and CIOMP, helping to highlight the impact of Chinese optics research globally. This fits well with our strategy to boost China's scientific development through our international publishing platform, by building mutually beneficial local partnerships, as well as our commitment to grow high-quality open access publishing."

Editor-in-Chief Professor Jianlin Cao, Vice Minister of Science & Technology in China said: "Our aim for LSA was to establish an international platform for academic exchange, collaboration and innovation, publishing high quality papers in the field of optics. It's now clear that this journal has made a significant impact in this area, and for that I'd like to thank our authors, readers, editors, reviewers and staff."

Since its launch, the journal has published nearly 100 optics and photonics research papers or reviews from 19 countries and regions, covering fundamental research as well as the important issues in engineering and applied sciences that are related to optics and photonics.

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