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King Saud University partners with the publishers of *Nature* and *Scientific American*

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King Saud University (KSU) and Macmillan Publishers have signed a five year Memorandum of Understanding to enhance the university's scientific communication and profile. Macmillan Publishers provide KSU with a wide range of services, including workshops on writing and publishing research papers in international journals, and manuscript editing services. In addition, KSU is the first institution in Saudi Arabia to have secured site license access to all Nature Publishing Group (NPG) journals, providing access to the complete nature.com platform for its 55,000 faculty and students. KSU is also providing 200 print subscriptions to *Nature* to researchers, faculty, and students.

"KSU is committed to taking a leadership role in developing Saudi Arabia's knowledge economy," says Prof. Dr. Khaled AL-Rasheid Director of KSU's Distinguished Scientist Fellowship Program. "Our agreement with Macmillan Publishers is essential to this and supports our drive to increase the quality and impact of our scientific output. Facilitating widespread access to the top quality content in NPG's journals should help our researchers to produce high impact research and publications of their own."

To help develop KSU's capability of publishing scientific papers in international journals, NPG editors visit KSU regularly, giving presentations on the editorial processes and expectations of international research journals. KSU will further reimburse researchers who use NPG Language Editing, a premium quality, English language editing service for researchers preparing papers for publication in international scientific or medical journals.

KSU is also working with Macmillan Scientific Communications (MSC) - a recently established partner of NPG - which offers high-quality scientific editing, science communication and training solutions to scientific institutions across the world. "We are delighted to provide KSU with the necessary tools to help its researchers maximize the impact of their scientific output." says Nick Campbell, who leads MSC's activities in the Middle East. KSU will reimburse researchers who use MSC's Scientific Editing service (**www.mscediting.com**). In addition, MSC will deliver science and medical writing and publishing workshops to KSU researchers.

Macmillan is committed to working with institutions in the Middle East region. In March 2010, NPG launched *Nature Middle East* (**www.nature.com/naturemiddleeast**). The website showcases scientific and medical research from the Arabic-speaking Middle East region and is continuously updated with articles in English and Arabic. The King Abdullah International Medical Research Center is sponsoring *Nature Middle East*.

The premier institution of higher education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, KSU was the first Arab university to be included in the Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities and in 2010 was ranked highest in the Arab world.

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