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Pediatric Research moves to Nature Publishing Group in 2012

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Nature Publishing Group (NPG) and the International Pediatric Research Foundation (IPRF) today announce a publishing partnership for *Pediatric Research*. NPG will begin publishing *Pediatric Research* in January 2012 on behalf of IPRF.

Pediatric Research is owned by the IPRF and is the official publication of the American Pediatric Society, the European Society for Paediatric Research, and the Society for Pediatric Research. *Pediatric Research* publishes original research papers, invited reviews, and commentaries on the etiologies of diseases of children and disorders of development, extending from molecular biology to epidemiology. Use of model organisms and in vitro techniques relevant to developmental biology and medicine, as well as translational studies, are also published. Published since 1967, the journal has a 2009 Impact Factor of 2.607 and ranks in the top 20 pediatrics journals in the *2009 Journal Citation Report* (Thomson Reuters, 2010).

Editor in Chief Olaf Dammann, M.D. is Research Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health at the Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center (Boston). Associate Editor in Chief Pierre Gressens, M.D., Ph.D. is Research Director at Inserm (France). Dr. Dammann, Dr. Gressens and Managing Editor Susan Tsujimoto are supported by an international editorial board.

Olaf Dammann said, "We are thrilled about the move. The opportunity to work with NPG is very exciting. We definitely share their commitment to publishing research of highest quality and look forward to a very productive and fruitful relationship."

As part of the publishing agreement with NPG, the journal will undergo development including a redesign in print and online. *Pediatric Research* will also introduce an open access option from January 2012, whereby authors can choose to make their article open access on payment of an article processing charge (APC). Site licenses and personal subscriptions will be available from NPG from January 2012, and the journal and its archives, dating back to 1967, will be available on the nature.com platform.

NPG Publisher Kathleen Lyons said, "We are pleased to welcome Pediatric Research as an excellent addition to our portfolio. We look forward to working closely with the editorial staff and societies to continue to develop *Pediatric Research* as a leading journal in its field and to increase its visibility and appeal to both the clinical and basic research audiences."

Martin Delahunty, Associate Director at NPG, added "We are delighted that the IPRF has chosen NPG as its publisher, a move that will allow the Foundation to take advantage of NPG's strengths, including editorial expertise and hosting, to enhance *Pediatric Research's* presence in the pediatric community and beyond."

On behalf of the IPRF Board of Trustees, President Frederick J. Suchy and Secretary/Treasurer William W. Hay Jr., commented that "the IPRF is delighted to join with Nature Publishing Group, known for innovation in the world of biomedical journals, to continue the excellence of *Pediatric Research* and to promote its scientific reputation and international distribution."

IPRF retains its original editorial rights including copyright and editorial board appointment. The aims and scope of *Pediatric Research* will remain the same.

NPG will work with the journal's current publisher, Wolters Kluwer Health / Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, throughout the journal's transition in 2011.

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International Pediatric Research Foundation, Inc. (IPRF) constituent members are The American Pediatric Society (APS), the Society for Pediatric Research (SPR) and the European Society for Paediatric Research (ESPR). Each of the societies was independently established and has a unique mission.

The American Pediatric Society was founded in 1888 and incorporated in the State of New York in 1961. The objectives of the Society, as stated in its Constitution, are to bring together men and women for the advancement of the study of children and

their diseases, for the prevention of illness and the promotion of health in childhood, for the promotion of pediatric education and research, and to honor those who, by their contributions to pediatrics, have aided in its advancement. Its membership represents the leaders of American academic pediatrics.

The Society for Pediatric Research was founded in 1929 and incorporated in 1963. The primary purpose of the Society for Pediatric Research is to encourage young investigators engaged in research that is of benefit to children. This is accomplished by providing a forum for interchange of ideas and an opportunity for these young investigators to present their work.

The European Society for Paediatric Research (ESPR) was founded in 1953, and is one of the oldest European societies. The Society aims to promote paediatric research and post-graduate training in Europe. The Society aims to encourage collaboration between the various specialized fields of paediatrics, with the goal of maintaining paediatrics as a unified, scientifically orientated discipline.

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