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Nature Communications celebrates first anniversary with 300th paper

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Nature Communications recently celebrated its first successful year, publishing its 300th research paper in the natural sciences. Launched in April 2010, nearly half of the papers published in Nature Communications to date are open access.

The high quality, online-only multidisciplinary journal has grown substantially and added new functionality since launch. *Nature Communications* has already published as many papers in the first five months of 2011 as it did in the nine months of publication in 2010. To date in 2011 ***Nature Communications*** has published 177 papers and is now on track to publish more than 400 papers this year.

Lesley Anson, Chief Editor of *Nature Communications*, says: "We originally promised rapid publication of high-quality research from the breadth of the natural sciences in a flexible online environment. Over 300 papers later, we can say with confidence that we are well on the way to achieving that goal."

Nature Communications can opt to make their published article open access, through payment of an article processing charge (APC). Almost half of the papers published in the journal to date are open access, published under Creative Commons licenses. To Nature Publishing Group's knowledge this is the highest uptake of an open access option on a hybrid journal. These papers will be freely accessible in perpetuity. Site license and licensed pay per view are available for institutions to access subscription content.

Published manuscripts are enhanced by innovative web technologies, including interactive browsing. Dr Anson says it is important that the journal maintains a strong digital archive and continues to develop new ways for users to access and interact with the material. "Since the launch we have made our content available through mobile device applications to enable browsing on the go; launched a personalization tool on our homepage for users to customize their experience; and introduced an online commenting facility to encourage scientific dialogue" she says.

Nature Communications is a multidisciplinary journal publishing high quality primary research in all areas of the biological, physical, and chemical sciences. Articles represent important advances of significance to specialists within each field, and have been peer-reviewed to the standards associated with a Nature title.

The journal is indexed in ISI Web of Science and PubMed, and will receive its first Impact Factor in 2012.

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***Nature Communications* publishes first articles** (press release, 12 April 2010)

Nature Publishing Group's position statement on open access (January 2011)

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