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Announcing a New Open Access Journal: *Light: Science & Applications*

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Light: Science & Applications (LSA), a new online open access journal, launches today with the publication of its first articles. The journal is co-published by Nature Publishing Group (NPG) and the Changchun Institute of Optics, Fine Mechanics and Physics (CIOMP), Chinese Academy of Sciences. LSA covers fundamental research as well as issues in the applied sciences that are related to optics and photonics. The journal is live at **www.nature.com/lsa**.

LSA will publish original articles, reviews, editorials and research summaries on a weekly basis as they are ready thereby offering authors rapid decision and publication services. All articles are freely available online immediately on publication. An article-processing charge (APC) is levied per article accepted for publication, and articles are published under a Creative Commons License.

"We are delighted to co-publish *Light: Science & Applications*, NPG's first open access physical sciences journal and first academic journal in optics and photonics," said Dr. Dugald McGlashan, Publisher of NPG's Asia-Pacific Academic Journals.

The *LSA* editorial team is led by Editor-in-Chief Professor Jianlin Cao, and Co-Executive Editors-in-Chief Professor Tianhong Cui and Dr. Stefan Kaierle. An editorial board of distinguished optics and photonics researchers from across the globe support the journal and the editorial team.

"The partnership between Nature Publishing Group and CIOMP utilises the core strengths of both organizations. NPG's expertise in publishing together with the visibility offered by nature.com and CIOMP's academic influence in optics research are great assets to *LSA*," said Professor Cao. "We are all working closely to ensure LSA becomes a leading journal in its field and I encourage authors to submit their excellent work to *Light: Science & Applications (LSA)*."

NPG publishes 59 journals that have an open access option, or are entirely open access. 57 of its 61 academic and society publications (93%) have introduced open access options or are open access journals. NPG plans to launch further open access journals in 2012.

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