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Nature Communications editors join Macmillan office in Shanghai

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Shanghai is now home to two editors from one of the world's leading multidisciplinary science journals, the first time that Nature Publishing Group has based full-time editors in mainland China. Ed Gerstner, PhD, moved to Shanghai this month from NPG's London office to take up the role of Executive Editor, *Nature Communications*. He is joined by Assistant Editor Congcong Huang, PhD. Both are based at the growing office of Macmillan Publishers Limited located in downtown Shanghai. Gerstner and Huang are part of a global team of editors for *Nature Communications*, and the Shanghai team is expected to expand in the coming months.

Congcong Huang gained a PhD from University of Cambridge and her undergraduate degree in physics from Peking University. She joins *Nature Communications* following post-doctoral research into the structure of liquid water at SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in Stanford, California

"I'm proud to join this global team as an editor for *Nature Communications*, and to be returning to China at such an exciting time for science and research in my native country," said Huang.

Gerstner joins *Nature Communications* following seven years as Senior Editor for *Nature Physics*, the leading primary research journal in the field. He has also served in editorial positions on *Nature* and *Nature Materials*. He gained his undergraduate degree and PhD at the University of Sydney, and held post-doctoral research positions at the University of Sydney, the University of Surrey and the University of Cambridge.

"These are exciting times for Chinese science. I've had the opportunity to visit a number of labs and institutions in China over the past two years, and I'm really impressed by the pace of development and increasing quality of research being conducted here," said Gerstner. "Our goal is to provide author services to researchers in China and bring this excellent research to a global audience through *Nature Communications* and other NPG titles. I am delighted to be a part of this endeavour."

Launched in April 2010, *Nature Communications* is a multidisciplinary online-only journal publishing high quality research across the biological, physical, chemical and earth sciences. *Nature Communications* has seen submissions increase rapidly as it builds its reputation. In 2012, *Nature Communications* received its first Impact Factor of 7.396*, placing it fourth among all multidisciplinary science primary research journals by Impact Factor, with *Nature* being first. *Nature Communications* offers authors the option to make their published article open access.

"Macmillan is committed to serving the fast growing science and education community in China," said Charlotte Liu, Managing Director, Macmillan Science (Greater China) and Education (Asia). "We're very pleased to have recently established our office in Shanghai, and Ed and Congcong are the first of a number of editors and colleagues we expect to join us here."

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