
Pre-launch discount information available at www.cshsymposia.org.

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Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (CSHLP) today announced that it will be moving its world-renowned annual series The Cold Spring Harbor Symposia on Quantitative Biology (CSH Symposia) to the new HighWire electronic publishing platform, H2O. The move will coincide with the launch of the CSH Symposia’s new 70-year online archive. The CSH Symposia have long been signal events in many fields of modern experimental biology. Now the record of these events will be available for the first time in its entirety on the premier HighWire platform.

“Since 1933, advances in biology such as the structure of DNA, the genetic code, the discovery of mobile genes, the PCR and RNAi techniques, and the feasibility of a human genome project have been announced, debated, and distilled at our annual Symposia,” said Dr John Inglis, Executive Director of CSHLP. “The Symposia focus on a different and timely field of research each year, and the participants are handpicked luminaries and rising stars of that particular field. We are excited to be able to offer the complete record of this historically unique material online for the first time with the help of HighWire.”

“We’re proud that Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press decided to move this vital series to HighWire,” said John Sack, Director of HighWire Press. “H2O’s flexibility makes it the ideal platform for handling complex, non-journal content, such as the Symposia.”

HighWire’s H2O platform infrastructure is designed to cooperate with emerging web services and technologies, keeping publishers ahead of the curve. Because the system architecture seamlessly accommodates content structured in many different ways, H2O works well with journals, books, reference works, and other media formats, such as CSHLP’s online laboratory methods resource CSH Protocols. Recent volumes of the CSH Symposia will be moved from current host, Atypon Systems, and CSHLP will be digitizing the complete archive for release in October 2008.

The archive of these historic meetings will be available online as a stand-alone collection for one-time purchase covering 1933 to 2003, and will include the following highly influential volumes:

1946: Heredity and Variation in Microorganisms
1953: Viruses
1966: The Genetic Code
1974 Tumor Viruses
1980: Movable Genetic Elements
1987: Evolution of Catalytic Function
1990: The Brain
2003: The Genome of Homo sapiens
The contributions recorded in each Symposium volume, and the accompanying photographs of participants in action, make a unique contribution to the scholarly history of science in the 20th century and the emergence of molecular and cellular biology as drivers of all aspects of current biomedical research. CSH Symposia volumes from 2004 – present will available online with the purchase of the current year’s hardcover print edition.

More information, including prelaunch discounts can be found online at www.cshsymposia.org.

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About Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
Established more than a century ago, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York, is a private, non profit basic research and educational institution. Its 330 scientists conduct groundbreaking research in cancer, neurobiology, plant genetics, and bioinformatics. Their studies have won numerous awards and honors, including three Nobel Prizes. The Laboratory is recognized internationally for professional training programs that bring more than 8000 scientists to its campus each year, and innovative graduate education, and outreach programs that enhance K-12 education and the public understanding of science.

About Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press
From its beginnings in 1933 as an initiative to publish an Annual Symposium in Quantitative Biology, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press is now an internationally recognized science publisher. The largest of the five educational divisions of the Laboratory, with more than 200 books in print, 6 research journals, and a variety of multimedia and online resources, its publications inspire and train scientists, educate students, and explain science to the public. Visit www.cshlpress.com for a complete list of publications and to register for a free monthly newsletter featuring information on new titles, meetings, courses, and employment opportunities.

About HighWire Press
HighWire Press, a division of the Stanford University Libraries, provides online site development and hosting solutions to the scholarly publishing community. HighWire produces the definitive online versions of high-impact, peer-reviewed journals and other scholarly content in many disciplines. Since 1995, HighWire has partnered with influential societies, university presses and other publishers to create a vast database of the finest, fully searchable research, medical and social science literature available on the Internet. The HighWire community shares ideas and innovations in publishing through regular meetings, discussion forum and through the service of its unique blend of highly qualified staff. For more information on HighWire’s new platform, H2O, please see http://highwire.stanford.edu/inthepress/stories/H2OPlatform.pdf

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