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THE ROYAL SOCIETY CHOOSES HIGHWIRE AS ITS NEW ONLINE HOST

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HighWire Press and the Royal Society are pleased to announce a new partnership in the provision of the independent scientific academy's publications online. All content of the Society's eight periodicals, some dating back as early as 1665, will be live on HighWire's premier ePublishing platform beginning in 2009 as the Royal Society joins HighWire's respected community of scholarly publishers.

The publishing division of the Royal Society has carefully planned the best way to achieve its vision for its international, peer-reviewed journals and is excited to make this move well in advance of the Society's upcoming 350-year anniversary in 2010.

"HighWire has an excellent reputation and a well-designed and very well-developed platform," said Charles Lusty, Senior Manager, Publishing Operations at the Royal Society. "Their high competence, forward thinking, and deep understanding of our publishing business won us over in selecting an online host. HighWire's new platform offers great potential for growth which is essential for us to stay at the cutting edge of scholarly communications."

The Royal Society will launch on HighWire's next generation platform, H2O. HighWire built H2O to enable a Publishing 2.0 site. This new XML-based electronic publishing environment makes use of standards beyond just the input and display to include all layers of the technology. The platform infrastructure is highly permeable, flexible and modular so that it can interact easily with many other systems and Web 2.0 applications, and enabling HighWire's publishers to transform a traditional website into a truly dynamic marketing web presence.

"The all-XML standard that HighWire has created with its H2O platform is exciting news," reported Matthew Llewellyn, Production Manager at the Royal Society. "It meets all our hopes for the future of the publishing service as a whole. With this move to HighWire's premier platform, we will help ensure that the Royal Society remains centre stage of scientific discovery. We think this partnership will be of immense benefit to our readers and authors."

"HighWire is honored to work with The Royal Society and its venerable collection of seminal works from authors such as Michael Faraday, Isaac Newton, and Stephen Hawking," said John Sack, Director of Stanford's HighWire Press. "The prestigious community of HighWire-hosted publishers will be further enriched by this new partnership." Added Sack, "It is exciting to be part of the research workflow from students to Laureates who use this literature. We have designed H2O to facilitate the cycle of discovery and discussion."

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About the Royal Society

The Royal Society, the national academy of science of the UK and the Commonwealth, is at the cutting edge of scientific progress. Founded in 1660, the Royal Society is dedicated to promoting excellence in science. The Society plays an influential role in national and international science policy and supports developments in science, engineering, and technology in a wide range of ways.

The Royal Society publishes seven peer-reviewed journals and one annual: Biology Letters (short, high-quality letters from across the biological sciences), Journal of the Royal Society Interface (cross-disciplinary journal highlighting research at the interface between the physical and life sciences), Notes and Records (articles in the history of science), Philosophical Transactions A (key topics across the physical sciences, dating back to 1665), Philosophical Transactions B (key topics across the life sciences, dating back to 1665), Proceedings A (research in the physical sciences), Proceedings B (research in the life sciences). Biographical Memoirs, published annually, features memoirs of important names in science.

More information can be found at: <http://royalsociety.org/>
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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. <http://highwire.stanford.edu>

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