

ROYAL SOCIETY JOURNALS LAUNCHED ON HIGHWIRE

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The Royal Society of London is pleased to announce the launch of its new online journal delivery platform hosted by HighWire Press and a new domain <http://royalsocietypublishing.org>, replacing the site on MetaPress. The platform delivers the Royal Society's internationally-renowned science journals, including the longest scientific journal archive, back to 1665. It provides dramatically enhanced Web 2.0 functionality and library-friendly features.

Title-level redirects are now in place until the end of April on the old MetaPress site to take your users automatically to the relevant journal homepage on HighWire where all our journal content, 1665 to the present day, is now loaded.

To give libraries enough time to check their e-access accounts and make necessary changes all content is open to all visitors until March 31. No one will be denied access before then. After that date only subscribers will be able to access current content for Royal Society journals.

We are writing to all subscribers with guidance on how to manage your account or to view and change your access account details. Existing access account details, including IP addresses, were transferred from MetaPress and set-up on HighWire's familiar and trusted subscription management and reporting system.

If you have any questions about our move to HighWire or your online access with us, or you have some feedback about the new site, please contact Jill Ponsford in Royal Society Customer Services at access@royalsociety.org

MetaPress Usage Statistics for the period up to the re-direction of users on February 18 are available to download from <http://www.metapress.com> until April 30, 2009. You will need your Administrative Login to access institutional usage statistics. After that date you will be unable to run these reports yourself.

All fulfillment data continues to be maintained at Portland Customer Services and HighWire will authenticate everyone against Portland's customer records to ensure continuous access to subscribed content, now and in the future (also known as 'perpetual access'). For general subscription and pricing enquiries please contact Portland Customer Services at sales@portland-services.com

For more info visit:

http://www.royalsocietypublishing.org/site/authors/migration_to_highwire.xhtml

The URLs of the new journal homepages:

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A

24 issues, ISSN: 1364-503X, E-ISSN:1471-2962

<http://rsta.royalsocietypublishing.org>

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B

24 issues, ISSN: 0962-8436, E-ISSN: 1471-2970

<http://rstb.royalsocietypublishing.org>

Proceedings of the Royal Society A

12 issues, ISSN: 1364-5021, E-ISSN: 1471-2946

<http://rspa.royalsocietypublishing.org>

Proceedings of the Royal Society B

24 issues, ISSN: 0962-8452; E-ISSN: 1471-2954

<http://rspb.royalsocietypublishing.org>

Journal of the Royal Society Interface

12 issues, ISSN: 1742-5689, E-ISSN: 1742-5662

<http://rsif.royalsocietypublishing.org>

Biology Letters

6 issues, ISSN: 1744-9561, E-ISSN: 1744-957X

<http://rsbl.royalsocietypublishing.org>

Notes & Records of the Royal Society

4 issues, ISSN: 0035-9149, E-ISSN:1743-0178

<http://rsnr.royalsocietypublishing.org>

Biographical Memoirs of Fellows of the Royal Society, annual

ISSN: 0080-4606, E-ISSN: 1748-8494

<http://rsbm.royalsocietypublishing.org>

"As the publishing arm of the Royal Society, the United Kingdom Academy of Science, we are delighted to launch this impressive new publishing platform ahead of the Society's upcoming 350-year anniversary in 2010," said Dr Stuart Taylor, Head of Publishing. "The Society has been publishing international, peer-reviewed journals since 1665, and we see this partnership with HighWire Press, using their ground-breaking H2O architecture, as the best way to achieve our vision for the future. We are very excited that we are now able, with this XML-based environment and Web 2.0 applications, to offer our readers and authors far greater opportunities for discovery and collaboration, keeping the Royal Society at the forefront of scholarly communications."

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About the Royal Society (<http://royalsociety.org>)

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.

About HighWire Press (<http://highwire.stanford.edu>)

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.

HighWire's new electronic publishing platform, H2O, debuted in March 2008. The underlying infrastructure is web-services-oriented, flexible and permeable, allowing publishers to easily layer new software and services to their sites that will meet the ever-changing needs of today's online readers. As a fully XML-based environment, in addition to just handling XML input and output, HighWire's H2O incorporates standards like Atom Publishing Protocol (backed by Google & Microsoft), and powerful tools such as the MarkLogic Server.

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