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Nature Publishing Group announces the launch of *The ISME Journal*

Launched this month, *The ISME Journal – Multidisciplinary Journal of Microbial Ecology* is a new journal from the International Society for Microbial Ecology (ISME) and Nature Publishing Group (NPG). The team of highly regarded Editors comprises Mark Bailey (Oxford), John Heidelberg (South California) and George Kowalchuk (Netherlands), who are supported by an outstanding international editorial board. The content of their first issue includes:

- Microbial ecology and environmental biotechnology, with combined efforts of researchers from Australia (Rabaey, Rodriguez, Blackall, Batstone and Keller), the USS (Gross and Neelson) and Belgium (Verstraete)
- GeoChip: A comprehensive microarray for investigating biogeochemical, ecological, and environmental processes, from Jizhong Zhou's team at Oklahoma University
- Diazotrophic bacterioplankton in a coral reef lagoon: Phylogeny, diel nitrogenase expression, and response to phosphate enrichment, from Ian Hewson, Jonathan Zehr and coworkers from the University of California Santa Cruz, CA, USA

The ISME Journal is expressly dedicated to advancing highly significant research in the expanding field of microbial ecology, by providing a dynamic forum featuring the highest quality of original research articles, poignant and up-to-date reviews, commentaries and short communications. *The ISME Journal* seeks to promote diverse, multidisciplinary areas of microbial ecology spanning the breadth of microbial life, including bacteria, archaea, microbial eukaryotes, and viruses. The wider scope of the journal includes:

- Microbial population and community ecology
- Microbe-microbe and microbe-host interactions
- Evolutionary genetics
- Integrated genomics and post-genomics approaches in microbial ecology
- Microbial engineering
- Geomicrobiology and microbial contributions to geochemical cycles
- Microbial ecology and functional diversity of natural habitats
- Microbial ecosystem impacts

The ISME Journal is the only journal owned and endorsed by ISME.

About ISME

ISME was formed in the summer of 1998 to promote the exchange of scientific information on microbial ecology by organizing meetings, sponsoring publications, promoting education and research, and promoting interaction between scientists.

About NPG

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