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Announcing *Nature Chemistry*

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) is delighted to announce the launch of *Nature Chemistry* in 2009 and is now recruiting for the editor-in-chief. This marks a significant new expansion of NPG into chemistry publishing following our recent successes in the physical sciences.

Over the past five years, NPG has expanded its portfolio of *Nature*-branded titles in the physical sciences. *Nature Materials*, celebrating its fifth anniversary in September this year, has soared above all competing journals to establish itself as the most highly cited journal in the fields of materials and related physical sciences with an impact factor of 19.194 for 2006. *Nature Physics*, launched in October 2005, has also shot straight to the top of its field, as the number one primary research journal, with a debut impact factor of 12.040 placing it far ahead of the nearest competition.

Nature Chemical Biology marked NPG's first major foray into chemistry publishing with many papers in this journal coming from chemists as well as life scientists. Launched in June 2005, *Nature Chemical Biology* has established itself as the home for primary research covering the interface between chemistry and biology. This was confirmed early this year by the publication of *Nature Chemical Biology*'s first impact factor of 12.409, placing it firmly ahead of its competition and the number one primary research journal in related chemical sciences.

Nature Nanotechnology and *Nature Materials* also publish substantial numbers of papers in chemistry and the output of published papers in chemistry from NPG has increased three-fold in the past five years. *Nature* itself has also expanded its coverage of chemistry with the employment of additional chemists as editors to select papers for publication and to report news on chemistry in the *News and Views* and *News* sections of the journal.

"The time is now right for the launch of *Nature Chemistry*" says NPG Publishing Director David Swinbanks. "NPG's position in chemistry has greatly strengthened in recent years, not only in our print journals but also online with the popular Sceptical Chymist blog, run by NPG chemistry editors, chemistry podcasts and the chemistry subject area on nature.com. The recent rapid expansion of the NatureJobs database now regularly provides over 300 job opportunities for chemists".

Details of the journal will be published in due course. It will follow the fundamental strategy of *Nature*-branded journals of always seeking to publish only the very best research from all parts of the world and it will have a strong online component.

About NPG

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