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### **Obesity: New Publisher, New Look, New Editors in 2008**

The Obesity Society and Nature Publishing Group (NPG) are pleased to introduce a renovated edition of the journal *Obesity*, a product of their publishing partnership beginning this year. The January 2008 issue unveils a modern design and additional article features and is the first issue under the new editorial team.

Dr. Richard N. Bergman, Chairman of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California, and holder of the Keck Endowed Chair in Medicine, has become *Obesity's* new Editor-in-Chief. He is joined by Deputy Editor, Dr. Marilyn Ader of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics and an internationally esteemed team of Associate Editors.

"This is indeed a propitious time for a world-class obesity research journal," writes Dr. Bergman in his first editorial for the journal. "It is a truism that obesity is rampant in the United States, and obesity is increasing in first, second, and now so-called third world countries. We will present the most significant new information regarding obesity. There is a crying need for evidence-based opinion regarding the causes of obesity, and particularly the efficacy (or lack thereof) and safety of available treatment options. We will work hard to provide accurate and well-informed opinion in the "front half" of *Obesity* to address these issues."

Internationally recognized as the pre-eminent journal on research into the growing world-wide health problem, *Obesity* is intended to increase knowledge, foster research and promote better treatment for people with obesity and their loved ones. The journal publishes important, peer reviewed original scientific articles and now features an expanded scope that includes editorials, reviews and commentary on important breakthroughs in obesity research.

#### **About The Obesity Society**

The Obesity Society is the leading scientific organization in North America dedicated to the science of obesity research, treatment and management. The society's mission is to promote research, education and advocacy to better understand, prevent and treat obesity and improve the lives of those affected. Established in 1982, the society had nearly 2,000 members worldwide.

#### **About NPG**

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