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### **Nature Publishing Group to use 25,000 Euro Principe de Asturias Award to help researchers in developing countries**

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) today announced that it will be adding its Principe de Asturias Award to the NPG Awards, a philanthropic fund. Philip Campbell, Editor-in-Chief of *Nature*, and Annette Thomas, CEO of Macmillan, accepted the 2007 Principe de Asturias Award for Communication and Humanities at a ceremony last week in Oviedo, Spain. The prestigious award was made jointly to NPG's flagship title, *Nature*, and the journal *Science*.

The two publications will share a prize of 50,000 Euros and NPG will use *Nature's* share to boost the NPG Awards, a philanthropic fund that helps researchers from the developing world attend Gordon Research Conferences.

Launched in June 2006, the NPG Awards provide funds of up to US\$1,500 to help delegates from developing countries attend the internationally renowned Gordon Research Conferences (GRCs). The awards are made based on nominations made by GRC Conference Chairs, and are open to those who live and work in eligible countries and have been accepted to attend a GRC.

*"Every year NPG is overwhelmed by the flood of nominations for NPG Awards. These additional funds from the Asturias Prize will allow us to expand our program of support to scientists from developing nations by 50%, an outcome that will be most appreciated by the community,"* said Dr Linda Miller, Executive Editor of *Nature* and the *Nature* journals.

The addition of 25,000 Euros to the philanthropic fund will allow NPG to support many more researchers to attend GRCs. In 2007 NPG awards were made to 26 participants who attended 21 different conferences and were from Kenya, Venezuela, Brazil, India, South Africa, Argentina, Chile, China, Poland, Mexico, Zambia and Romania.

More information about the NPG awards is available on the publisher's website ([http://www.nature.com/npg\\_/community/npg\\_awards.html](http://www.nature.com/npg_/community/npg_awards.html)).

Photos of the Principe de Asturias Award ceremony are available from: The Prince of Asturias Foundation website in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), [La Nueva Espana](#) and [El Pais](#).

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#### **About NPG**

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) is a division of Macmillan Publishers Ltd, dedicated to serving the academic, professional scientific and medical communities. NPG's flagship title, *Nature*, was first published in 1869. Other publications include *Nature* research journals, *Nature Reviews*, *Nature Clinical Practice* and a range of prestigious academic journals including society-owned publications. NPG also provides news content through *Nature News*. Scientific career information and free job postings are offered on *Naturejobs*.

NPG is a global company with headquarters in London and offices in New York, San Francisco, Washington DC, Boston, Tokyo, Paris, Munich, Hong Kong, Melbourne, Delhi, Mexico City and Basingstoke. For more information, please go to [www.nature.com](http://www.nature.com).

**Related press releases:** [Nature is honored with prestigious Principe de Asturias Award](#) (PDF), 4 July 2007 and [Nature Publishing Group announces NPG/GRC Awards](#) (PDF), 20 June 2006

**About Gordon Research Conferences**

The Gordon Research Conferences provide an international forum for the presentation and discussion of frontier research in the biological, chemical, and physical sciences, and their related technologies. More information about Gordon Research Conferences: [www.grc.org](http://www.grc.org)

**About Prince of Asturias Foundation**

The Prince of Asturias Foundation, formed in 1980 under the presidency of His Royal Highness Heir to the throne of Spain, aims to acknowledge scientific, technical, cultural, social and humanitarian work carried out internationally by individuals, groups or organizations. The Communication and Humanities Award is bestowed upon the person, group of people or institution whose work or research constitutes a significant contribution to universal culture in these fields. For more details see [www.fpa.es](http://www.fpa.es).

**Photos and details of the Principe de Asturias Award ceremony:** The Prince of Asturias Foundation website in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), [La Nueva Espana](#) and [El Pais](#).

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