

Editorial: Natural Sciences is Three Years Young

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We are pleased to note that, at the age of three, Wiley's flagship journal, Natural Sciences, has reached a degree of maturity that is reflected in an average citation rate of 4.4 and inclusion in the *Web of Science* and the *Emerging Sources Citation Index* as well as in other indexing services. The three volumes of the journal published since 2021 are comprised of outstanding research articles and reviews as well as highlights, commentaries, perspectives, and critiques by leading members of the global community.

Natural Sciences is an Open Science journal. Open Science encompasses not only open-access publishing but also open peer review and sharing of primary scientific data. The ongoing transformation of past publishing practices to Open Science is being fostered by a broad coalition of stakeholders comprised of research institutions, publishing houses, and governments. Open Science has recently received a strong endorsement from UNESCO. Natural Sciences is an inter- and multidisciplinary journal that publishes outstanding research from the global community spanning *biology*, *chemistry*, and *physics* and their interfaces, as well as seminal works from related fields such as *engineering* and *biomedical research*.

In contrast to other high-ranking journals, Natural Sciences is run by practicing academic scientists who treat submitted papers just like they wish their own papers would be treated – fairly, quickly, and without bias. That's why the tagline reads A Journal of, by, and for Scientists. In developing the concept of Natural Sciences, we work closely with Wiley to ensure efficient editorial practices. Wiley's international network of experienced professionals steeped in scientific publishing is there for us 24/7. Together, we are committed to Open-Science publishing that is timely and rigorous – and to embracing Open-Science innovations in the process. The main ideas that led us to envision Natural Sciences are summarized in our Manifesto.

As examples of what Natural Sciences has achieved so far, we invite you to check out our highly cited and downloaded articles:

Top Cited Articles: Natural Sciences

Top Downloaded Articles: Natural Sciences

We hope that the appeal of Open Science in general and of Natural Sciences in particular will make both the publishing model and the journal continue to prosper in the years to come. This is the submission link. **Please note that any article publication charges are waived throughout 2024.**

We look forward to your submissions,

Elaine Bearer – Chief Editor for Biology

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