

A new beginning

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If you, as Oedipus was, were a traveler in ancient Thebes you may have been met by a perched chimeric interrogator posing a question only slightly more foreboding than “Why a new genetics journal?” The mythical Sphinx, literally interpreted as representing the old pre-Olympian culture on the precipice of replacement, guarded the entrance to Thebes, and asked a riddle of all travelers prior to granting them entry.

“Which creature is it that in the morning goes on four legs, at midday on two, and in the evening upon three?”

Similarly, as you question why submit your work to, or review for, and indeed, even become the Editor-in-Chief of a new online access journal a sense of fear may overwhelm. While the Sphinx’s punishment of being torn asunder and devoured may at least seem quick and to the point, would the efforts of being part of a new endeavor somehow be more inhumane.

Much will depend upon your sense and sensibility. Our mission goals are to make *Advances in Genomics and Genetics* an important international, peer reviewed, open access journal that focuses on, exemplifying and explaining, new developments in characterizing the human and animal genome, the rapidly evolving research tools and techniques used in this arena, and applications of this study to health and disease. Emphasis will be given to those studies that discover and characterize genes, biomarkers, and targets in the development of new or improved therapeutic interventions, characterization of specific phenotypes and in understanding the full spectrum of a disease process. As such, we will publish reviews, original research, methodologies, technologies and analytics. Realizing the importance of keen observation, classification and clinical description as a first-step to any gene discovery/characterization in human disease, we will also publish case reports whose insight and timeliness may be seminal to the field.

Other journals share many of the same aims. What will distinguish *Advances in Genomics and Genetics*? Our goals, together, will be several-fold.

Scientific breadth

We will strive to ensure the breadth of research areas covered within our scientific mandate. Implied in this statement, is our guarantee that as our readership’s interests will be broad, our reviewers’s expertise must match that breadth and depth to ensure the highest quality of review. Our readers will come to expect excellence in the material presented.

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Timeliness

Our goal will be to not only attract manuscripts detailing new and important findings but to ensure that publication of these studies will be done with high efficiency. We will not, however, sacrifice quality for speed. Articles will appear online as they are approved and the reviewers and Editor-in-Chief understand the need for maintaining a strict timeline for relaying their comments and suggestions to the authors. It is expected that for those successful manuscripts, once final corrections are received, the online version will be available usually within 3 days. Transparency of the time spent in peer review, editorial decisions, and post-review decisions will be maintained.

Accessibility

While not necessarily implied through our desire to publish on a breadth of topics, we will strive to make the content accessible to all readers. As such, we will place an emphasis

on the authors and Editor-in-Chief to ensure that manuscript content is suitable for the broad audience and not only the specialist. In our desire to be part of the greater community in this new venture, and with apologies to John Donne, no one is an island, entire of itself.

We as a journal are in our infancy. Metaphorically, we all enter this world crawling on all fours, needing time and guidance to eventually walk unaided and stand erect on both feet. To our authors, our goal will be to provide you with critical, helpful, and speedy reviews. To our readers, we hope to provide you with timely, thoughtful, and interesting science and insight. Welcome, we look forward to the start of this journey together. Traveling this road together will make all the difference.

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