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Open access journal *Horticulture Research* to launch in 2014

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Nature Publishing Group and Nanjing Agricultural University today announce the 2014 launch of *Horticulture Research*. The open access journal will launch on nature.com in January 2014, and will begin accepting submissions later in 2013. The new partnership was announced at the launch of the Macmillan Science & Education office in Shanghai this week, at an event at the Shanghai Science Hall.

Horticulture Research will publish original research articles and reviews and mini-reviews on novel discoveries focusing on all major horticultural crops, including fruits, vegetables, ornamental trees and flowers, herbs, and tea trees, both in preharvest and postharvest stages. The journal will primarily focus on basic and fundamental research with broad international and disciplinary interests. Its scope will cover genetics, breeding, "-omics" and evolution, origination and domestication horticultural crops, biotechnology, biochemistry, physiology, cellular and molecular biology, and environmental biology including interactions with other organisms.

Horticulture Research is led by Editor-in-Chief Dr Zong-Ming (Max) Cheng, Joint Professor in the College of Horticulture at Nanjing Agricultural University and in the Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Tennessee. A Ph.D of Cornell University and a Fellow of the American Society for Horticultural Sciences, Dr Cheng became a joint professor at Nanjing Agricultural University in 2009 after 20 years of research and teaching in the United States.

An open access journal, *Horticulture Research* will offer authors a choice of Creative Commons licenses, including Creative Commons Attribution (CCBY). An article processing charge will be levied on acceptance. All published articles will be freely accessible to a global audience immediately on publication.

Horticulture Research is the eighth journal to be published by NPG in collaboration with partners in China, and its 16th in the Asia-Pacific region. NPG has published *Cell Research* since 2006 on behalf of Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences. The first journal from China to move to work with NPG, *Cell Research*, is now the leading journal in China by impact factor.

Nanjing Agricultural University is a national key university under the direct jurisdiction of the Chinese Ministry of Education, with strengths in agriculture and life sciences. It is a "211 Project" university and one supported by the "Strength Discipline Innovation Platform" Program of the "985 Project". Nanjing is a major centre for tertiary education and scientific research. One of the four ancient capitals of China, Nanjing is the capital city of Jiangsu province.

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