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# **Environmental Epigenetics 2023 update**

An Oxford University Press publication, Environmental Epigenetics, just initiated its ninth year of operations with this Volume 9 Issue 1. We are a 100% Open Access journal listed in PubMed Central (PMC), along with numerous other access sites. Environmental Epigenetics publishes scientific and medical research related to the field of epigenetics with particular interest on the impact of the environment. Special Issues have occurred each year and we encourage requests for Special Issues in Environmental Epigenetics. Our Special Issues in 2021–2022 were on Epigenetic Transgenerational Inheritance, Generational Toxicology, and Environmental Epigenetics and Evolution (https://academic.oup.com/eep/pages/ special\_issues). The Special Issues for 2023 are Environmental Epigenetics and Climate Change, and Epigenetic Transgenerational Inheritance. The amount and diversity of our published studies is increasing as the field of environmental epigenetics grows and expands. We are looking forward to another productive year and encourage you to consider submissions to Environmental Epigenetics.

# **Environmental Epigenetics News**

Early this year, Environmental Epigenetics received its formal impact factor and is now associated with all journal indices and open access rankings. Our initial impact factor was good at approximately 3.8. Since impacts are associated with the size of the specific scientific field of study primarily, and not the specific science, impacts need to be interpreted with caution. However, they do allow for appropriate scholarly journal recognition. Regardless of impact factor, we continue to strive to attract high quality and robust studies. We anticipate the journal impact will increase as the field of environmental epigenetics expands.

#### **Editorial Boards**

The Managing Editor is Ms Elizabeth Green with Oxford Publications and oversees the submission and general Editorial office duties of *Environmental Epigenetics*.

The Associate Editor-in-Chief is Dr Isabelle Mansuy from ETH and University of Zurich, Switzerland. She continues to assist in helping the management of the journal.

This year we have moved a number of the Editorial Review Board Editors to the Editorial Board due to their extensive service in managing the reviews of submissions.

The heart of the journal has always been the quality and breadth of the *Environmental Epigenetics* Editorial Boards. This Editorial is in part designed to extend a profound thanks to our Editorial Boards. From the beginning, the Editorial Board, Consulting Editorial Board, and Editorial Review Board have provided

advice and insights into the development and operations of the journal and its review process. I personally want to thank all those Editors that have acted as managing editors and reviewers. Without the dedication, experience and hard work of the Editorial Boards the journal would not exist. The current members of each of the Boards are listed below. You will see an outstanding group of dedicated and hardworking individuals that truly are the backbone of Environmental Epigenetics.

### **Cover Art Library**

Although we are a completely open access online journal, we feel the availability of cover art is important. Therefore, we accept and request cover art from contributing authors for each season of winter, spring, summer, and autumn. We then publish this on the journal's website associated with each issue and archive them in the Cover Image Library (https://academic.oup.com/eep). Examples of last year's cover art for each season are presented in Fig. 1. We encourage all potential authors to contribute cover art submissions with their manuscripts. As you can see this ranges from artistic photographs to specific diagrams and figures in the papers. We do not want to lose the advantages of classic print journals like cover art simply because we are an open access journal.

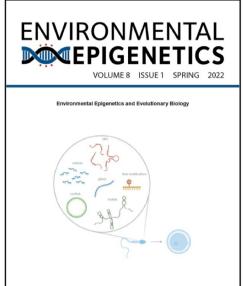
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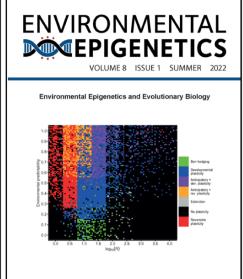
We encourage you to consider publishing in *Environmental Epigenetics*. This is one of the few journals dedicated to the topic. The breadth of the topic and impacts in everything from evolution to disease etiology we feel is a significant asset of the journal. This can include perspectives, research highlights (e.g. meetings), reviews, and research articles. We look forward to your submissions.

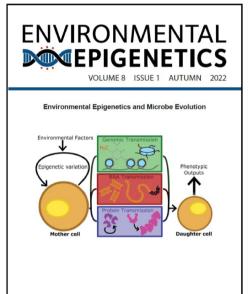
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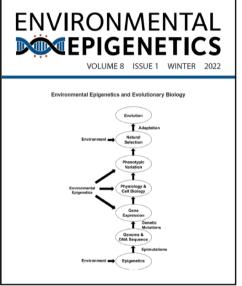


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