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**Natural History Museum, London, and Taylor & Francis sign agreement for publication of *Systematics and Biodiversity* and *Journal of Systematic Palaeontology***

We are pleased to announce that Taylor & Francis will publish *Systematics and Biodiversity* and *Journal of Systematic Palaeontology* on behalf of the Natural History Museum from 2010.

*Systematics and Biodiversity* is devoted to whole-organism biology. It emphasises the importance and multi-disciplinary significance of systematics, with contributions which address the implications of other fields for systematics, or which advance understanding of other fields through taxonomic knowledge, especially in relation to the nature, origins, and conservation of biodiversity, at all taxonomic levels. The journal currently has an Impact Factor of 1.727 and is ranked 11<sup>th</sup> out of 28 journals in the biodiversity and conservation category of Journal Citation Reports. The Editor-in-Chief is Prof Elliot Shubert.

*Journal of Systematic Palaeontology* publishes papers which use systematics in ways that advance understanding of palaeogeography, palaeobiology, functional morphology, palaeoecology, biostratigraphy or phylogenetic relationships, as well as papers describing new or poorly understood fossil faunas and floras. Like *Systematics and Biodiversity*, it is indexed in the Journal Citation Reports, has an Impact Factor of 2.375 and is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> out of 40 journals in the Palaeontology category. The Editor-in-Chief is Dr Paul D Taylor.

The journals will move to Taylor & Francis' InformaWorld platform, where they will benefit from HTML versions of articles, forward citation linking and advanced publication of articles online through *iFirst*. Manuscript Central online submission and review will also be established, making peer review more efficient and maximising outreach to international authors. Back issues of both titles will be digitised and made available to subscribers online.

Graham Higley, Head of Natural History Museum Library & Information Services, Chair of Biodiversity Heritage Library said: "We look forward to working with T&F to develop our scientific journals, and to taking advantage of their experience in publication of electronic journals."

Rod Cookson, Editorial Director for Environment & Agriculture journals at Taylor & Francis, added: "*Systematics and Biodiversity* and *Journal of Systematic Palaeontology* continue the Museum's long tradition of research excellence in Biological Science, fostering cutting edge debate on all aspects of systematics. Taylor & Francis will disseminate the journals faster and more widely to the global research community, providing authors and readers with an even better publishing experience."

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