

PRESS RELEASE

Springer introduces *Climatic Change Letters*

New section in *Climatic Change* to offer brief papers

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Beginning in November 2009, Springer is inaugurating a new section within the journal *Climatic Change* called *Climatic Change Letters*. Similar in scope to *Climatic Change*, the *Letters* will provide a vehicle for rapid publication, offering short articles on new findings of interest to researchers in climate-related disciplines.

One of Springer's top journals, with an impact factor of 3.202, *Climatic Change* focuses on climatic variability and change from a range of disciplinary perspectives. *Climatic Change Letters* will publish brief articles that would be of interest to the same community. Articles will include original findings from models, experiments, observations, theoretical approaches, frameworks, applications and methods relevant to the multitude of disciplines covered by the main journal.

Editor-in-chief Prof. Michael Oppenheimer is supported by a distinguished editorial board. Oppenheimer is the Albert G. Milbank Professor of Geosciences and International Affairs and Director of the Program in Science, Technology and Environmental Policy at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University. A renowned scientist and author, Oppenheimer is a long-time participant in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

Dr. Robert K. Doe, Senior Publisher, Earth Sciences at Springer, said, "*Climatic Change Letters* has been in development for a number of years and this new section will make a valuable contribution in rapidly disseminating contemporary research to the international scientific community. I am pleased to see it launched in time for the United Nations Climate Change conference in Copenhagen in December 2009 as the importance of this interdisciplinary field will be a global highlight."

Prof. Michael Oppenheimer said, "The volume and quality of manuscripts submitted since *Climatic Change Letters* issued the call for papers last spring substantiates the need that we anticipated. We hope the entire community will consider *Letters* as a vehicle for rapid dissemination of new ideas, new approaches and new findings."

Hardcopy versions of the journal *Climatic Change* will contain a *Letters* section every other month, composed of up to eight articles, running some four pages each. *Letters* articles will appear online individually on Springer's electronic platform www.springerlink.com, as soon as they have been processed for publication.

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