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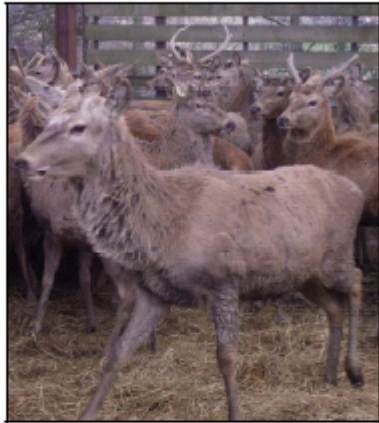


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- Enabling the research-teaching link
- Showcase quality undergraduate research
- A resource for staff and students
- Builds on success of Institutional journals

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Red Deer (*Cervus elaphus*)

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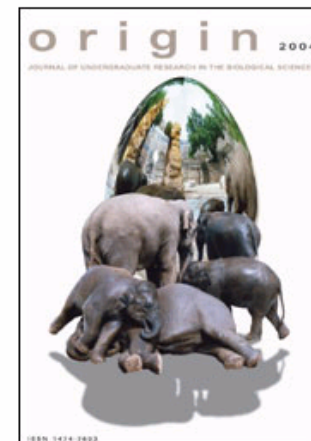
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Is it a good idea?

- Survey in 2006 elicited 63 responses
- On the whole very positive

“This initiative is to be applauded. The opportunity for undergraduates to see their research in print should help to encourage the next generation of scientists, and raise the bar for existing projects.”

I think such a journal would inspire UG students carrying out their projects and act as a benchmark of quality for UG projects nationwide”

Objectives of the journal

- To promote the link between teaching and research in Higher Education
- To provide a repository of high quality undergraduate research which will be useful to other students and staff
- To provide a forum for students, their supervisors and Universities, to showcase high quality undergraduate research work
- To illustrate the student skill base to prospective employers.

Where are we now?

Consortium met in February 2007

Drawing up agreements with OUP

OUP will publish two pilot editions in
2007/08

Aiming for 10 articles in each e-journal

Will be sending out information to all
bioscience departments soon

Editorial issues

- Current team is going to act as editorial board for the pilot year
- Departments asked to submit (with student agreement)
- One/two pieces of high quality assessed work
- Editorial board to send for review
- Currently thinking 3000 words

Concluding comments

- Remember this is a pilot
- We know there are lots of potential problems
- We need support from Departments if this is going to be a runner and be sustainable
- Final details will be sent to Bioscience Departments soon!
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