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Announcement: Changes in Publication Charges and Open Access Charges for Members of the RNA Society

As most of our readers are aware, the *RNA* journal is the official publication of the RNA Society. The ongoing partnership between Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press and the Society has resulted in making *RNA* a respected and successful international forum for publishing original reports on RNA research in the broadest sense. We are pleased to announce that this success has enabled the Society to substantially reduce the costs associated with publishing in *RNA* for members.

Beginning with papers published in 2008, members of the RNA Society will receive a 50% discount on page charges (\$25 instead of \$50) as well as a 50% discount on the first color figure (\$225 instead of \$450). For those members who wish to have their work immediately accessible to the entire community (Open Access), the charge will be \$1500 (a \$500 savings from the non-member fee). We note that these member savings more than offset the cost of a one-year membership in the Society, which includes a subscription to *RNA* (\$160 for print and online, \$140 for online only). In addition to the benefits in publication costs, members also receive:

- Reduced registration fees for the annual meeting of the Society (more than \$100 saving)
- The RNA Society Newsletter, a forum for disseminating information to members and discussing issues affecting the Society and RNA Science
- Numerous opportunities for students and post-docs to become involved in the Society
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If you wish to take advantage of these benefits or are considering publishing in *RNA*, take a moment to start or renew your membership for 2008 (<http://rnasociety.org/membership>). The RNA Society is an interdisciplinary, cohesive intellectual home for those interested in all aspects of RNA Science. We welcome new members from all areas of scientific research and we look forward to sharing the new perspectives they bring to the Society.

In addition to reducing publication costs for members of the RNA Society, beginning in 2008 *RNA* will start to accept Supplementary Material which will be linked to the article published online. Such Supplementary Material will be restricted to long tables of data, lists of genomic and sequence data, or videos. Submitted Supplementary Material such as gels or other simple figures as well as standard tables will not be linked to online articles and must be maintained on the author's Web site. In this regard, Supplementary Material is not intended for completing a manuscript with standard figures or tables. Appropriate Supplementary Material, as discussed above, will be peer-reviewed and must be submitted online at the same time as the manuscript. It cannot be altered after acceptance of the manuscript. Submission of Supplementary Material to the journal is not an alternative to submission to public databases (thus crystal structure coordinates, sequence data, microarray data must be submitted prior to submission to the journal and accession numbers given in the manuscript). Public databases have confidential sections to which passwords give access for editors and referees on request. The context of the files contained in the Supplementary Material should be precisely described at the end of the Material and Methods section in the manuscript and referred to at the appropriate places in the text. The types of files supplied should be clearly indicated (.doc, .xls, .rtf, .mp3, .mpeg, .mov, .wav, ...).

In sum, we believe the changes outlined above will facilitate continued growth of the journal and we thank all authors and reviewers for making *RNA* what it is today.

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