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***Biochemical Journal* opens an Editorial Office in China**

The *Biochemical Journal's* new Chinese Editorial Office was officially opened on 4th May 2011 at the prestigious and internationally renowned Institute of Biophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, in Beijing.

This new office provides authors in China an opportunity to submit their papers directly in order to receive a faster, more supportive service.

'We are very excited about the launch of our new Editorial Office here in Beijing', said Professor Tao Xu, Vice Chair – Asia Pacific, 'and we look forward to working closely with Chinese researchers to publish their high quality articles in the *Biochemical Journal*.'

From its inception in 1906, the *Biochemical Journal* has always been an internationally focused journal. In addition to its international Editorial Board, the *Biochemical Journal* has offices in London and San Diego.

Looking to the future, Peter Shepherd, the Chair of the Editorial Board said, 'The *Biochemical Journal* recognizes the excellence of scientific research in China – our aim is to provide more support for our Chinese authors and with the official opening of the Editorial Office, we can now concentrate on building guanxi with these esteemed researchers.'

The opening of the office was commemorated with a mini-symposium hosted by Professor Tao Xu, followed by an opening ceremony attended by fifty VIP guests.

Following the official opening, members of *Biochemical Journal* Editorial Board and Portland Press Limited travelled to Shanghai to attend the Biochemical Society's first conference in China, which was jointly hosted with the Chinese Protein Society (www.sinouk.org).

Notes for Editors:

1. The Biochemical Journal is a long-standing core life science journal with an Impact Factor of 5.155. It is published on behalf of the Biochemical Society by Portland Press Limited. www.biochemj.org
2. The Biochemical Society promotes the advancement of the Molecular Biosciences, representing the interests of all those working in the sector. The Society recognizes that the discipline of 'Biochemistry' now encompasses the entire breadth of Cellular and Molecular Life Sciences and this is reflected in our range of activities. 2011 is the Centenary of the foundation of the Biochemical Society It will be the year in which we recall and celebrate the achievements of the Biochemical Society and look forward to the opportunities and challenges in the next 100 years. www.biochemistry.org
3. Portland Press Limited is a not-for-profit publisher of journals, books and electronic resources in the cellular and molecular life sciences. It also delivers association management solutions for publishers, learned societies and membership-based organizations. www.portlandpress.com

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