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ALPSP announces Winners of the 2012 Awards

The Winners of the 2012 Awards were announced at the ALPSP International Conference Dinner held at the Belfry on Wednesday 12 September (www.alpsspconference.org).

ALPSP Award for Contribution to Scholarly Publishing 2012

The Council of ALPSP was delighted to make this award to [CrossRef](#), the independent not-for-profit organisation set up and run by publishers to facilitate the linking between scholarly publications using the Digital Object Identifier. Launched in 2000, this system grew rapidly to hold 3 million DOIs in just a year and now holds metadata for 55.5 million conference proceeding articles, book chapters and journal articles right back to the first articles published in Philosophical Transactions in 1665. With over 4,000 participating publishers, CrossRef's reach is international and it is very well regarded not just amongst publishers, but also the literary community and researchers. CrossRef has built on this unique position to offer other services such as CrossRef Cited by Linking, CrossCheck, CrossMark and the latest project, FundRef. CrossRef's services provide solutions that are best done collectively by the industry to improve scholarly communications.

ALPSP Award for Best New Journal 2012

The winner was [Postmedieval: a journal of medieval cultural studies](#) from Palgrave Macmillan. *Postmedieval* is a cross disciplinary journal in medieval studies that brings the modern and medieval into productive critical relation. The journal is distinctive both in its design and approach and demonstrates a passion for the subject, a commitment to quality and strong links with the community.

A Highly Commended Certificate was awarded to [Methods in Ecology and Evolution](#) from the British Ecological Society and Wiley-Blackwell. The journal promotes the development of new methods in ecology and evolution and facilitates their dissemination and uptake. Interactive features such as the methods blog, podcasts and encouraging online enhancements to papers are used to increase the journal's value and standing.

Also shortlisted were:

[Cancer Discovery](#) from the American Association for Cancer Research; and [Physical Review X](#) from the American Physical Society

ALPSP Award for Publishing Innovation 2012

The winner was [Peerage of Science web service](#) a web based peer review and submission system which sets the article rather than the journal as the starting point. Launched in November 20-11, it allows the author to control the pace of the process, and has potential benefits for libraries as well as authors and reviewers.

[Plantwise Knowledge Bank](#) by CABI received a Highly Commended Certificate. Its approach to geospatially indexing published content and field observations connects farmers to reliable and appropriate plant health information wherever they may be. The resource is intuitive and disarmingly simple with clear practical benefits.

Also shortlisted was: [ACP Journalwise](#) from the American College of Physicians

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About the ALPSP Awards

ALPSP Award for BEST NEW JOURNAL - open to any peer-reviewed journal launched in the last 1-3 years. The judges consider the main aspects of the journal including its launch: market research, editorial strategy, marketing and commercial success.

ALPSP Award for PUBLISHING INNOVATION - in recognition of a truly innovative approach to any aspect of publication. Applications are judged on their originality and innovative qualities, together with their utility, benefit to their community and long term prospects.

Panel of Judges

Hazel Woodward, Director, Information Power (Chair)

Tim Devenport, Lead Consultant to ICEDIS, EDItEUR

Richard Gedye, Director of Outreach Programmes, STM

Hugh Look, Futureglance

David Smith, Business Innovations Manager, CABI

Jill Taylor-Roe, Head of Planning & Resources & Deputy Librarian, Newcastle University

About the ALPSP International Conference (www.alpspconference.org)

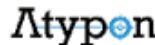
The 2012 ALPSP International Conference was held at the Belfry near Birmingham, UK from 11-13 September. ALPSP has more than 315 organisational members in 39 countries and the conference is an excellent opportunity for the scholarly publishing community to meet and discuss new ideas and developments in a relaxed setting. The programme included keynotes from Mary Waltham and Arend Welmers.

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