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The Plant Cell

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*The Plant Cell*, the highest-impact primary research journal in plant biology, published its first issue 20 years ago this month. To celebrate, the journal will be publishing special editorials and podcasts online and bringing some of its top authors together for a symposium at Plant Biology 2009, ASPB's annual meeting in July in Honolulu. The latest information about anniversary activities can be found at [www.aspb.org/tpc20](http://www.aspb.org/tpc20).

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*The Plant Cell* published its first issue in January 1989, 20 years ago this month, and within three years was the highest-impact primary research journal in plant biology, a position it has held ever since. The journal will be celebrating its birthday throughout 2009 with special content in the journal and online as well as a symposium at Plant Biology 2009 in Honolulu, HI, in July. In its first 20 years, the journal has published 4,200 articles and has been cited over 250,000 times. In 2008, the online journal was accessed by more than 1.3 million hosts.

The journal, published by the American Society of Plant Biologists ([www.aspb.org](http://www.aspb.org)), was founded by Professor Bob Goldberg of the University of California, Los Angeles. Among its goals were to attract the highest-impact papers in the areas of plant cell, molecular, and developmental biology; publish papers as rapidly as possible with the highest publication standards, including full-color covers and figures; and include reviews, commentaries, editorials, relevant news, and special issues dedicated to timely topics to make the journal appealing to a wide readership.

*The Plant Cell's* 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary website ([www.aspb.org/tpc20](http://www.aspb.org/tpc20)) includes all of the latest information about the year-long celebration of its birthday. It includes two editorials commemorating the occasion written by the current editor-in-chief, Cathie Martin (John

Innes Centre, Norwich, UK), and founding editor Bob Goldberg, as well as podcasts with editorial board members talking about the journal's first 20 years.

The special symposium is scheduled for July 21 as part of Plant Biology 2009. It will feature presentations by the authors of some of the most groundbreaking articles in plant science. More details about this and other anniversary events will be posted online as they become available.

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*The Plant Cell* (<http://www.plantcell.org>) is published by the American Society of Plant Biologists. For more information about ASPB, please visit <http://www.aspb.org/>. The journal's home for 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary information is [www.aspb.org/tpc20](http://www.aspb.org/tpc20).