

## **Editorial**

The editors apologise for the delay to this issue, which has been due to factors outside our control. However, we are pleased to announce some changes that have been implemented or are in the pipeline.

One of the great advantages of being an exclusively electronic journal is that the production time for papers, from submission to publication, is normally considerably shorter than for print journals. This makes online journals an attractive option for authors and readers working in any field. But it is especially true in such a rapidly-evolving and policy-relevant arena as genomics, where GSP has been able to provide a unique platform for time-dependent research and commentary.

Unfortunately, production problems with this issue mean that it appears later than scheduled. Our special issue on intellectual property and genomics has been delayed for similar reasons. This will go online shortly. Meanwhile, in order to ensure that papers are not held up in a publication queue in the future, and to enable us to take full advantage of our online status, we are revising our production process. While we will continue to produce three issues a year, we will publish papers individually as soon as they are processed rather than waiting for the completion of an issue. This system will be introduced for Volume 5, Number 1.

We have also entered into an agreement with EBSCO Publishing to facilitate wider dissemination of our material. This does not affect our open access policy.

Stuart Blackman, who has served as Managing Editor, has stepped down to pursue other career opportunities, and the editorial office will be moving to the office of the editor in chief in the near future. Thanks are due to Stuart for his work on the journal, and good wishes for the future.

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