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New journal addresses infection between animals and humans

11 February 2011, Stockholm & Uppsala: Co-Action Publishing announces the launch of a new peer reviewed open access journal, *Infection Ecology & Epidemiology*. As swine flu again travels through many parts of the world, this Medicine & Health title aims to stimulate inter-disciplinary collaborations dealing with a range of subjects, from the plethora of zoonotic infections in humans, to diseases with implications for wildlife ecology, to advanced virology and bacteriology. Contributions are welcomed from veterinarians, physicians, molecular biologists, ecologists and environmental chemists with an interest in zoonotic infections.

Infection Ecology & Epidemiology is published in cooperation with the Infection Ecology & Epidemiology Network based in Uppsala, Sweden, and is edited by Dr. Björn Olsen, Professor and Senior Physician in infectious diseases at Uppsala University and Uppsala University Hospital, and Leader of the IEE Network. The Journal is supported by a number of section editors to cover the various disciplines addressed, including: Sven Bergström, Umeå University; Jan Chirico, National Veterinary Institute; Mirva Drobni, University Hospital Uppsala; Åke Lundkvist, Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control; Åsa Melhus, University Hospital Uppsala; and Jonas Waldenström, Linnaeus University.

Chief Editor Björn Olsen says the journal offers an extension to the Network's aims to "stimulate interdisciplinary collaborations with the potential to increase knowledge on the emergence, spread and effects of infectious disease in humans, domestic animals and wildlife by providing a platform upon which researchers from multiple medical and ecological disciplines can interact and create synergies. The journal will contribute to a better understanding of the consequences our way of living has not only for the outbreak of new diseases and the return of old ones but also for the global spread of infectious diseases we cannot control."

Senior Publisher Anne Bindslev of Co-Action Publishing, says that "(t)his year's new outbreaks of swine flu underscore the importance of *Infection Ecology & Epidemiology* in addressing global issues that traverse scientific disciplines and require the attention of a wide body of researchers and professionals. It would be almost unethical not to make the content freely available online, and I am therefore especially pleased that the IEE Network has partnered with us on such an important journal."

Infection Ecology & Epidemiology can be accessed at: www.infectionecologyandepidemiology.net .

Co-Action Publishing is an international open access scholarly publisher, with a growing portfolio of peer-reviewed scholarly journals spanning different scientific disciplines. The company is registered as a limited liability company in Sweden, and is wholly-owned by the three founding partners (www.co-action.net).

The Infection Ecology & Epidemiology Network (www.infee.se) was founded in 2010 by partners from Uppsala University, the National Veterinary Institute (SVA), the Swedish Agricultural University (SLU), and Linnaeus University. IEE is an integration concept including several universities and governmental organizations that wish to contribute to a sustainable intellectual platform where veterinarians, physicians, molecular biologists, ecologists and environmental chemists with an interest in zoonotic infections can interact and create synergies.