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## How to publish a paper in Nature

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Dr. Leslie Sage obtained his PhD from Stony Brook in 1987, then worked as a postdoc researcher at VLA/New Mexico Tech during 1987-1989 and at Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy, Bonn, during 1989-1992. After being a visiting assistant professor in UNLV in 1992, he has been astronomy editor of Nature since 1993 till present. He is also the senior visiting scientist in University of Maryland since 1994, and he write a column for the Journal of the Royal Astronomy Society of Canada since 1997. At present he also is the press officer for the Canadian Astronomical Society.

**Abstract** Nature is one of the world's leading scientific journals, publishing many papers that receive wide attention by the general public. But, Nature is very selective-- <7% of submitted papers are published. In order to maximize your chances of getting published, papers should present fundamental new physical insights, or startling observations/results. Theory papers pose additional problems, as we want only those papers that are likely to be the correct explanation, and not simply exploring parameter space. The writing should be clear, concise and directed at the level of a graduate course in the subject. I encourage authors to contact me in advance of submission of a paper, both to ascertain the appropriateness of the result for Nature, and to ensure that the writing is close to our standards. Posting to ArXiv is and always has been allowed, but authors should discuss the specifics with their institutional public affairs officers before doing so. Lapses in professional ethics seem to be on the rise – I will discuss some examples, and what we should be doing to keep astronomy clean.

*All are welcome! Tea, coffee, biscuits will be served at 2:15 PM.*