Saving the trees, revitalizing your coffee table and shoring up the future

Many of our readers know *BioTechniques* from the print edition that finds its way onto the coffee table every month. Lately, many of our readers will also have become aware of how our website has evolved, becoming a place to discover expert commentary and discussion, with thought-provoking Interviews, Opinion pieces, Podcasts and panel discussions examining the latest tools and techniques available to the lab researcher, in addition to our educational webinars and News section.

Both our online and print articles are free to read, and it is our intention to keep it that way. However, the publishing landscape is changing, and *BioTechniques* must, like our labs, continually evolve to keep up. That's why we have some changes coming in 2020.

First up, we are revitalizing our print edition. We care about the planet, and thus as of 2020 we will be consolidating our articles into quarterly print editions, helping us reduce our impact on the environment and save trees. This won't mean you lose out – we will be publishing the same (if not more!) content, but it will arrive on your coffee table with a refreshed feel – Reports and Benchmarks will remain alongside exciting editorial content such as our traditional Tech News, Interviews, Top Tips and other fascinating articles.

Second up, the way you use the website is changing. Going forward, readers will be able to access three articles a month before they are required to log-in with their (free) subscription – and I emphasize that that subscription will be free. Our peer-reviewed articles will remain open access, as they always have been.

In the rapidly changing landscape of scientific research and publishing, these changes will shore up the future for *BioTechniques*, allowing us to maintain our editorial excellence and continue to provide you, our reader, with free-to-access content. By continuing your subscription, you will help us continue to provide the latest in methods, tools and technical advances freely to researchers across the globe, regardless of where they are.

So please, continue to read and enjoy *BioTechniques* for free, for years to come, and email me if you have any queries regarding the above at flake@biotechniques.com.

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