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Naturejobs and CheckOrphan unite for Rare Disease Day

BASEL, Switzerland – In support of <u>Rare Disease Day</u>, <u>Naturejobs</u> and <u>CheckOrphan</u>, the leading source for the latest news about rare, orphan and neglected diseases, are proud to announce a new partnership. CheckOrphan will feature a feed of relevant job vacancies and content from naturejobs.com, the leading scientific jobs website in its new <u>Job Market</u>. Vacancies will focus on the rapidly emerging fields of rare diseases and personalized medicine.

"Naturejobs.com builds upon the excellent brand of *Nature* that the research world associates with scientific excellence," notes Ian Sowers, Head of Marketing and PR for CheckOrphan. "We are glad to have *Naturejobs* as a partner and look forward to equaling their dedication to science and research."

The Job Market, powered by *Naturejobs* is another step towards achieving CheckOrphan's goal of offering its users a comprehensive platform about rare diseases.

"Now scientists in the fields of rare diseases and personalized medicine can enjoy free and convenient access on www.checkorphan.org to relevant jobs from the naturejobs.com global database of science jobs," says Dan Churchward, European Manager for Naturejobs. "Naturejobs' free online job-posting service offers research institutions and companies an excellent opportunity to attract the cream of scientific talent worldwide."

Vacancies from the naturejobs.com database featured on CheckOrphan will direct visitors to positions within academia or industry in fields such as: research, development, clinical studies, regulatory affairs, marketing, IT, and communications.

"A partner like *Naturejobs* is great for CheckOrphan," adds David Galipeau, <u>Board Member</u> of CheckOrphan. "We are certain the list of future partners and sponsors will continue to grow, because our door is always open to new ideas and features for CheckOrphan."

"This partnership is representative of *Naturejobs*' continuing drive to develop innovative solutions to the evolving challenges of scientific recruitment," says Dean Sanderson, Head of Global Advertising, Sales and Sponsorship, Nature Publishing Group. "We are delighted to be collaborating with CheckOrphan to help jobseekers and recruiters in the emerging fields of rare, orphan and neglected diseases."

The Job Market, powered by *Naturejobs*, also compliments CheckOrphan vision of augmenting the amount of global research into rare, orphan and neglected diseases.

"Without research you do not obtain innovative solutions, and without innovation you cannot create a cure for a rare disease," notes Tatsuo Satoh, Managing Director of CheckOrphan. "Research is a strong emphasis of CheckOrphan and we will always be dedicated to furthering research efforts with rare diseases."

CheckOrphan is home to a database of over 6,800 rare diseases and a database of over 8,000 news articles. It also aggregates the latest research news articles and press releases from universities and academic institutes. Users can also consult and contribute to a database of researchers around the world who are working on improving our scientific knowledge of rare diseases.

About Naturejobs

Naturejobs is the largest dedicated job board for the scientific community with over 5,000 job posts advertised globally on the website. Job postings to the website are free and employers using the site range from top pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies to highly respected academic and government institutions. Naturejobs.com is free to use for jobseekers, attracting mores than 2.5 million page views per month. *Naturejobs* is the careers and recruitment section for Nature Publishing Group, publishers of *Nature*. For more information, visit www.naturejobs.com

About CheckOrphan

CheckOrphan is the leading source for news and information about rare diseases. Its news database holds the largest concentration of articles about rare diseases, with over 8,000 entries. In addition, CheckOrphan's users benefit from several other large databases that include: the latest research publications, clinical trials, products in development or currently on the market for rare, orphan and neglected diseases, videos, hospitals, researchers and more. It is also home to iWish — without a wish, there is no hope for a better tomorrow. CheckOrphan is always interested in meeting new partners and supporters. CheckOrphan is non-profit organization and encourages its visitors to submit content and information to the platform. CheckOrphan would like to thank the Gebert-Rüf Stiftung for its support. Please visit http://www.grstiftung.ch/_english/index.html for more information about this foundation.

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