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"Human Evolution 5.0" A new section in *Human Evolution*

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The international journal *Human Evolution* stems from a long tradition of publications on anthropological research and provides a record of different developments in the anthropological sciences, also related to the advent of new technologies.

In fact, scientists have been increasingly applying new technologies towards studying fossil specimens and furthering the understanding of human and non-human primates (see e.g., Gundling, 2010). *Inter alia*, we recall the innovative techniques in modern and ancient DNA analysis (e.g., Rogers & Gibbs, 2014), the utilization of 3D-Scanning and 3D-Printing (e.g., Martin, 2021; Walker & Humphries, 2019), computed tomography (e.g., Bernardini *et al.*, 2012) as well as the application of geotechnologies towards identifying fossils and non-human primates (e.g., d'Oliveira Coelho, Anemone & Carvalho, 2021; Bergl *et al*., 2012).

Furthermore, new developments in technologies – especially Technologies 4.0 – are strongly impacting human behavior and human social organizations (e.g., Tuniz & Tiberi Vipraio, 2020) as well as natural evolutionary trends through "human enhancement" (see e.g., Almeda & Diogo, 2019) inducing discussions on ethical issues as well as the development of new concepts (e.g., "Life 3.0", *sensu* Tegmark, 2017)

However, there is no dedicated venue for publishing research on these themes within journals primarily focusing on human evolution; *Human Evolution* intends to provide such a space to address the interface between technological innovation and human evolution, in all its aspects and dimensions, towards defining "Human Evolution 5.0".

This new section – entitled "Human Evolution 5.0" and edited by Dr. Lucilla Spini – welcomes contributions on the following thematic streams:

1. the impact of new technologies (e.g., 3D-Printing, Ancient DNA, and computed tomography) in conducting research on human evolution;

2. the possible roles of technologies (e.g., gene-editing and social robots) in altering the natural evolutionary trends in humans and in affecting human behavior and social organizations;
3. new and old concepts related to human evolution (e.g., "Life 3.0"), also with respect to current debates in "evolutionary robotics" (e.g., Harvey, Husbands, Cliff, Thompson & Jakobi, 1997) and "digital evolution" (e.g., Lehman, Clune & Misevic, 2020).

The journal welcomes original contributions from anthropologists, other social and natural scientists, engineers as well as practitioners**.** Contributions can be submitted as research article (7,000-8,000 words), commentary to a published article (3,000-2,000 words), book review (3,000-2,000 words), as well as interviews (3,000-2,000 words).

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