

neous coverage of the salary of the "fuori ruolo" professor. The consequent delay in the turnover of professors provides further concern for the cultural renewal of Italian universities (as well as, admittedly, relief to the national pension scheme).

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Useful Antisense

In her Research News article "Antisense has growing pains" (27 Oct., p. 575), Trisha Gura illustrates the uncertainty that has been encountered when one asks how antisense compounds really work as drugs. The article does not touch on another area where antisense as a technology has worked as it is supposed to and has readily produced products in the market. The genetically engineered Flvr-Savr tomato is transformed with an antisense polygalacturonase gene for delayed softening and increased durability. The antisense expression of a stearyl-acyl carrier pro-

tein desaturase gene has also modified the Brassica seed's oil (canola), resulting in a high-stearate phenotype (1) that could form the basis of a natural margarine.

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Corrections and Clarifications

In the heading of the review of *Brethren of the Net*: *American Entomology*, 1840-1880 (22 Dec., p. 2035), the surname of the author of the book was misspelled; the correct name is Sorensen.

The figure accompanying the Research News article "Can nuclear waste keep Yucca Mountain dry—and safe?" by Wade Roush (15 Dec., p. 1761) was inadvertently inverted.

In the article "China's unique environment favors large intervention trials" by Jeffrey Mervis ("Science in China," 17 Nov., p. 1149), Linxian county is incorrectly referred to as "Linxian Province." In the table on page 1138 of the same issue, the last item, the

"CAS [Chinese Academy of Sciences] Institute of Virology, Beijing," should have been the "Institute of Virology, Chinese Academy of Preventive Medicine, Beijing."

Reference 12 of the Report "Defective lymphoid development in mice lacking Jak3" by T. Nosaka *et al.* (3 Nov., p. 800) should have included the following citation: P. Macchi *et al.*, *Nature* **377**, 65 (1995).

In the response by J. Craig Venter to the letter to the editor "Pioneering work" (29 Sept., p. 1805), the words "base pair" and the abbreviation "bp" should have read "base."

The News article "Tracing Croatia's 'disappeared'" by Eliot Marshall (29 Sept., p. 1812) should have stated that Kupres is a town in southwestern Bosnia, not northern Croatia.

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