

## **Publish your work in Public Health Genomics!**

Following on from the successful 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the African Society of Human Genetics in Cairo, Public Health Genomics (the journal former known as Community Genetics) had offered to publish the proceeding from the meeting. We would therefore like to encourage all participants who either spoke (invited speakers as well as those who were selected on the basis of their abstracts) or presented posters to submit manuscripts for consideration for publication. Those of you who received awards are especially encouraged to submit something.

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**Please email your manuscripts electronically to Melanie Newport ([m.j.newport@bsms.ac.uk](mailto:m.j.newport@bsms.ac.uk)) by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008.** If you have any questions please contact Melanie.

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