

Visits at Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology

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Short bio: *Cristiano Matricardi is Head of Content Innovation at Springer Nature. He obtained his PhD from the Institute of Materials Science of Barcelona (ICMAB-CSIC), where he worked on hybrid plasmonic-photonic nanostructures. After his doctorate, Cristiano started his publishing career at MDPI before joining Springer Nature, where he spent 5 years as Senior Editor at Nature Communications. Since April 2025, he has been leading Content Innovation initiatives focused on exploring how emerging technologies, AI, and new content formats can enhance scientific communication, research dissemination, and knowledge discovery.*

VISIT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 26

- 10:00am – 12:00pm

Talk Title: “Inside the Nature Portfolio - A deep dive into editorial selection, AI, research integrity, and the future of scientific publishing”

Explore how Nature Portfolio editors evaluate research, make publishing decisions, uphold research integrity, and navigate the growing role of AI in science. Through real editorial case studies, interactive discussions, and examples from Springer Nature's latest innovation projects, participants will gain insider insights into what makes research impactful, how publishing is evolving, and where scientific communication is heading next

- 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Lunch

- 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Lab Visits (we can accommodate 2 or max 3 lab visit)

- 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Workshop: “Think like an editor: the context matters”

This seminar will provide a deeper understanding of the editorial workflow with practical assessment exercises. The aim is to think like an editor and prompt the participant to make editorial decisions based on the content of the work and the peer-review reports. The second part will be focused on increasing the confidence in writing papers and publishing your research.

Note: To make this seminar more interactive I would restrict the maximum number of participants to 20 people and give priority to PhDs and Postdocs. People can sign up in the morning so they will receive the material for the afternoon session.