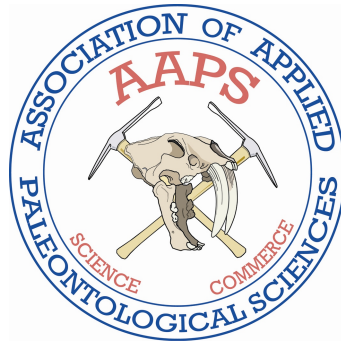


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Thank you Erik, and Science magazine for publishing the announcement of the new Journal of Paleontological Sciences (JPS), established by the Association of Applied Paleontological Sciences.

AAPS is an international organization of commercial, academic and amateur paleontologists and enthusiasts. We are dedicated to ethical collecting practices and cooperative liaisons, as defined in our code of ethics, and the JPS represents a major step toward fulfilling those promises.

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Sincerely,

Michael Triebold  
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