EDITORIAL

Diagnostic and Interventional Imaging

As the official organ of the Société Française de Radiologie (SFR) and the Collège des Enseignants de Radiologie de France (CERF), the Journal of Radiology, over the past 30 years, has been the vehicle for reporting significant technological developments in all areas of imaging. This result was achieved thanks to the will and perseverance of the editors, the investment of the members of the Scientific Committee and the active participation of the reviewers. We honor them all now because, without them, the quality of this educational scientific journal would not have progressed from year to year as it has.

However, despite the strong attractiveness of the Journal of Radiology for the entire French radiological community, in particular due to the quality of issues dealing with continuing medical education, the international impact of the Journal has remained unsatisfactory and has not allowed the Journal to occupy the place that it deserves among the currently available international journals on imaging.

For this reason, after a year of consultation with key representatives of the Journal, CERF and SFR, we have agreed to embark on an ambitious project that will take place in 2012 and will focus on improving the spirit of competition for the submission of scientific papers. This project includes three simultaneous actions:

• to open access to international teams with an indexed journal available in English;
• to encourage the competitive spirit to raise the scientific quality of submissions;
• to disseminate the scientific articles more quickly and more widely by using an electronic version of the journal.

So, in 2012, the Journal of Radiology will have two separate versions, one in English and only available in an electronic format entitled Diagnostic and Interventional Imaging, and one in French, available in both print and electronic versions entitled Journal de Radiologie Diagnostique et Interventionnelle. The majority of articles will be available in both languages. Each journal will consist of 12 issues per year, including five devoted to continuing medical education, with eight to 10 articles per issue (including the usual types of papers such as, for example, reviews, original articles and letters).

We hope this new format will stimulate all renowned teams in imaging, whether they are French- or English-speaking, and encourage the submission of high-quality scientific papers that will be appreciated by all, including the international scientific community.

We also wish the new editor, Hervé Tillaud, and his team, together with the SFR and CERF, total success with this project that should allow the new journal to achieve the level of international recognition that it deserves.

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