
EDITORIAL

New Features of *Hong Kong Journal of Radiology*

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Greetings from the Editorial Board of HKJR!

It has been 5 years since our Journal changed its name to HKJR, *Hong Kong Journal of Radiology*, with a new ISSN assigned and a major facelift of both the Journal layout and its website.

With the staunch support of the College Council, I am pleased to introduce the new features of the Journal that you can expect in the coming year.

First, to enhance the electronic exposure of our Journal and to encourage faster exchange of knowledge, the full text of all articles in the Journal, including the latest issue, will be accessible by a global readership without the need for an individual login. The pdf file can be easily downloaded for personal reference at the touch of a finger in a few month's time.

Second, the Journal will launch a web-based manuscript submission system on 1 August 2016. This electronic system will provide a more efficient way to track a manuscript during the peer review.

It has always been the vision of the Board to position HKJR as one of the key journals serving the radiology and oncology communities of the Asian-Oceanic region. The Board has decided to introduce some new changes to the content of the Journal.

The Journal will continue to publish periodic issues that focus on a specific disorder / body system, in which there are invited reviews, original articles, pictorial reviews, and relevant case reports. In the next two issues, the themes will be "Paediatric Imaging" and "Woman Imaging and Oncology". We sincerely invite those who have a specific interest in these fields to submit their work to the Journal and share their experience with our readers.

The categories of papers in the Journal have recently been revised. To encompass the interest in all fields of radiology including diagnostic radiology, interventional radiology, nuclear medicine and clinical oncology, a new category "Brief communication" has been created. Articles that relate to a post-meeting commentary, or provide an update on new imaging or therapeutic advances, or a brief description of a specific technique, procedure, or new equipment can be submitted to the Journal under this new category. Educational articles that describe a radiological or radiotherapeutic technique for trainees or practising radiologists are also welcome.

Looking ahead, the Journal aims to publish more original articles and review articles. Fewer case reports will be accepted unless they include extraordinarily unique features not previously described. The Journal will also adopt a firm ethical policy for all original articles. Authors will be asked to declare any conflicts of interest, and provide statements about approval from institutional review boards and patient consent whenever applicable during the submission process. The implementation of the above policy will be facilitated by the web-based manuscript submission system.

All these innovative changes demonstrate our determination to strive for an improved Journal and publication, expanding our scope of readership and our support in academic radiology.

While we are all excited to embark on the new era ahead, we must not forget to thank all those who have helped and contributed to make these launches successful. The College Council under the leadership of our President Dr Stephen Law, as well as our Founding President Dr Lilian Leong, deserve our heartfelt appreciation for their unfailing support. As always, reader's feedback and opinion of the new features is appreciated.