Editorial

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The start of a new publishing era for APESM

Readers will have noticed some changes to the appearance of the journal and to the layout of the articles in this first issue of volume 33. These result from the move by the College to use Springer to produce the journal. The journal's new website is www.springer.com/13246. Eventually, there will be a link to this site from the ACPSEM website. You will notice that the Springer APESM website has far more features than the previous one and in fact possesses all of the capabilities that are expected of a scientific journal's website. Non-subscribers are able to view the contents page of each issue and browse the abstracts of all published articles via the *SpringerLink* button. A pre-view of the full text article is also available (this means the first page of the published article).

Subscribers are able to view electronic versions of articles on *SpringerLink* by entering a "token" (a number assigned annually to subscribers which must be entered once a year) and thereafter their username and password. The electronic archive goes back to volume 24 (2001). These tokens, and instructions for their use will be posted (and emailed) to subscribers' addresses by the end of March.

Manuscripts submitted to APESM will be submitted, managed, reviewed and tracked (by their authors) using an online system. Submitting authors (and the reviewers) will need to register with *Editorial Manager* at www.editorialmanager.com/apesm and submit their manuscript to the website. After submission, the email communication for the review process will be semi-automated. When the editor assigned to the manuscript identifies a

potential reviewer, they will register the reviewer on the system. Reviewers will be sent a proforma (or customised) email by the editor, via *Editorial Manager*, inviting them to review the manuscript and to register their details (particularly – in the areas of interest and expertise section – your personal classification and personal keywords). Thereafter, authors and editors will communicate through *Editorial Manager* which will distribute the manuscript and send reminders at pre-determined intervals.

When the proofs have been returned after being checked by the authors, the article will be published as "Online FirstTM" and will appear at the top of the list of previous issues on *SpringerLink*. This is the first official publication of the article and is visible to subscribers – and the abstracts are available to anyone. It may precede publication in the journal issue by up to three months. The Online FirstTM publication is citable with the digital object identifier (DOI) number prior to the production of the hard copy printed version. After release of the compiled version of each issue (online or in print), the article can also be cited by issue and page numbers.

The electronic version of an article will include illustrations that are in colour (if so supplied) and citations within the text that are hot-linked to the reference at the end of the article. Web addresses within a reference are also hot-linked.

Editorial Review Board. New appointments to the ERB for three year terms are:

Dr. Juergen Meyer of Canterbury University, Christchurch New Zealand; Professor Tae-Suk Suh of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, Catholic University of Korea; Dr. Chen-Shou Chui, the Director of Medical Physics, Sun Yat-Sen Cancer Center, Taipei, Taiwan; and Dr. Annette Haworth of Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne Australia.

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