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Archives of Dermatological Research, in continuation of a great tradition of communication, encourages publication in the English language. During the past ten years the journal has closely followed the global trend towards English as the basic language of communication in the biomedical community and for information retrieval and dissemination around the world. This development was necessary and logical in view of the journal's international circulation.

The *Original Paper* is the most important element of the journal. The interval between submission of a paper and its publication has been shortened to an average of five and one-half months after acceptance, a publication time which will be maintained in future.

Short Communications are brief accounts of recently conducted clinical and experimental research. They are printed with the least possible delay. They must be in English and must not exceed five typewritten manuscript pages, including two or three illustrations; they are to be sent direct to the Editor for Short Communications. The Editors reserve the right to decide what constitutes a Short Communication.

A new section, called *Views and Concepts*, will discuss possible implications of recent findings, especially in relation to their clinical application.

The *Letters to the Editor* section provides a forum for an extremely rapid exchange of reader reaction to original papers and short communications. They may also present information on unusually interesting current cases or even treat of

subjects which enhance the general importance and value of the journal without being specifically related to published contributions.

Reviews by authors whose own work connects them closely with the subject involved are made necessary by the great number of international publications produced today.

The new section called *Announcements*, which now includes the dates of scheduled scientific meetings, for instance, extends the range of information the journal presents to its readers.

Manuscripts are to be submitted to the Editor who is responsible for a special section of the journal or to any other member of the Editorial Board, in the interest of expediting publication at the earliest possible date.

It is to be hoped that **Archives of Dermatological Research** can continue to be adapted to topical problems and advances, so that the journal may remain faithful to the spirit of those who founded it almost a century ago.

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