

EDITORIAL

Under new management! Medical Screening Society buys *Journal of Medical Screening*

The Medical Screening Society has purchased the *Journal of Medical Screening* from the BMJ Publishing Group, and Royal Society of Medicine Press has agreed to be the journal's new publisher.

This is the first issue published under the new regime. *JMS* will continue to be published quarterly in both print and electronic form. However, the electronic version has been moved to the Ingenta Select platform and access to the "new" *JMS Online* – which includes the full text of all issues from Volume 5 (1998) onwards – will now be free to all print subscribers. In order to activate their online subscription, subscribers will first need to register/re-register for access and should go to the journal's website, www.jmedscreen.com, to do this. Employees of the British National Health Service will continue to be entitled to free access to *JMS Online* until 2006 through the National electronic Library for Screening (re-registration is not required), and the support given for this by the UK's National Screening Committee is gratefully acknowledged.

RSM Press has retained the overall appearance of the journal to maintain continuity while introducing some small formatting changes that we hope readers will find are an improvement. Copyright in each published article will still be retained by the contributing authors, with a licence to publish granted to the Medical Screening Society as the owner of *JMS*. This will make it easier for authors to use their own work for their own use without having to obtain permission from the publisher or the Society. Anyone else wishing to reproduce material from *JMS* must, however, seek permission from the publisher in the usual way.

The Medical Screening Society was formed in 2002 with 182 Founding members from 34 countries. The purchase of the *Journal of Medical Screening* marks an important step in establishing the new Society. The Society now has its own website – www.medicalscreeningsociety.com – which includes the Rules of the Society and its officers, the payment options for membership, and details of current membership. Members are encouraged to provide information on their current research interests and activities on this site. Members can place Powerpoint lectures on the website subject to confirmation that they are the author and that the content is not offensive or defamatory. Copyright remains with the author. Members can download these lectures without charge and others can do so at a charge of £10. In this way lectures can be easily disseminated by members to an audience larger than the one to which the lecture was originally delivered. The website also incorporates a diary section where members can place notices of forthcoming meetings and courses.

The first official meeting of the Society is now being planned for London in 2004. Further details will be posted on the Society's website as soon as these are available. The annual £80 membership of the Society includes a subscription to *JMS*, and access to *JMS Online* is free to Society members (who must also first register/re-register at www.jmedscreen.com to activate their online subscription).

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