Respiratory Medicine celebrates its 100th birthday!

I am delighted to introduce you to this, the first issue of the 100th volume of *Respiratory Medicine*. Since the publication of the first volume in January 1907, the journal has mirrored the development of respiratory medicine research. Today, as a clinically oriented international journal published in print and on-line, and accessed by thousands of individuals across the globe every month, Respiratory Medicine has grown into one of the leading independent respiratory periodicals worldwide.

To celebrate publication of the 100th volume, we will publish through 2006 a series of specially commissioned pieces reflecting on advances in diagnosis and treatment of key respiratory conditions since the beginning of the 20th century. There are fascinating stories to tell, and we hope you will enjoy reading them.

Secondly, we are delighted to announce that the entire back-archive of content published since volume 1 issue 1 has been digitised and will shortly be launched at Respiratory Medicine’s on-line content repository, www.sciencedirect.com. This valuable resource highlights the breadth and sheer volume of content published and we trust entitled users will enjoy browsing historical research on their specialist areas. The back-archive will be officially launched on ScienceDirect™ on 1st February 2006.

Finally, while we celebrate the achievements of the journal hereto, and give particular thanks to the authors, editors and reviewers who have done so much to shape the journal’s success, we are looking to the future. In particular, we are committed to doing ever more to improve the service to our subscribers, readers, authors and reviewers. As one example of this, we will shortly be launching our ‘Author Charter’, our commitment to authors submitting to the journal on what they can expect during all aspects of the process. With the aim of transparency, we will share other initiatives with you as these are finalised.

As we look forward to the next 100 volumes, on behalf of the editorial board I would like to thank you sincerely for your ongoing support of the journal.

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