

Rheumatology Online: note from the Editor

The continuing advances in information technology and the explosion in the worldwide web are changing communications for us all. Although you are probably reading this note in the print version of the journal, I hope that you are aware that *Rheumatology* also publishes online.

Rheumatology Online is now fully established. Personal subscribers of the journal (and members of the British Society for Rheumatology) can access all articles published since 1996 and search through tables of contents and abstracts going back as far as 1983. Many readers have already discovered the benefits that the journal's online version can offer. As well as a user-

friendly search system and links direct from references from their online Medline abstracts, you can also join the e-mail table of contents alerting service, in order to be sent the very latest table of contents of each issue, in advance of publication.

If your library subscribes to the print version of *Rheumatology*, then please encourage it to register for their online site licence—there is no extra charge for this and once they have registered you will be able to access the journal from your own desktop.

Since August 1999, *Rheumatology Online* has been produced by Highwire Press in partnership with Oxford University Press. Highwire are setting the standards of

excellence in online publishing, and you will find new features being added to *Rheumatology Online* which we hope you will find useful. Examples include:

Cite Track—sign up to be alerted by e-mail when an article that you find particularly interesting is cited by *Rheumatology* (or any other Highwire journal such as the *BMJ*).

Collected Resources—*Rheumatology* will soon be included in this feature, allowing you to browse all articles published on a particular sub-speciality in *Rheumatology* and other Highwire journals.

To register for personal online access simply go to the *Rheumatology Online* website (<http://www.rheumatology.oupjournals.org>). Then click on the 'Subscriptions' button, then on the 'Manage Your Online Access' link and follow the simple instructions. You will need your

subscriber number to obtain your own password—you will find this on the address label of your printed copies of *Rheumatology*. If you would like to request that your library register for online access, then ask your librarian to follow the above instructions, at which point he/she will be asked to complete a registration document. Once this has been submitted, individual library users will then be able to access *Rheumatology Online* from their own desktops.

Remember, the online version of *Rheumatology* offers many exciting features that you will not find in the print issues, so please visit the site today and let us know what you find useful, or send us your own suggestions about other services you would like to see offered by the journal from its website.

D. L. SCOTT