

From the Publisher

In December of last year, Cambridge University Press acquired Greenwich Medical Media Limited – the publishers of the *Journal of Radiotherapy in Practice*. This acquisition is a wholly positive development for the Journal, and there will be no disruption, either in the short or the long term, to the production, publication, or distribution of the Journal. The Journal represents a pivotal medical publication for one of the world's leading academic publishers, and will benefit from Cambridge's enhanced international outreach.

Cambridge University Press, with headquarters in the historic city of Cambridge, England, is the printing and publishing house of the University of Cambridge. It is an integral part of the University, and has similar charitable objectives in advancing knowledge, education, learning, and research. For centuries, the Press has extended the research and teaching activities of the University by making available worldwide through its printing and publishing a remarkable range of academic and educational books, journals, examination papers, and Bibles.

The Press is both very ancient and very modern. It is, in fact, the oldest printing and publishing house in the world. It was founded on a royal charter granted to the University by King Henry VIII in 1534, and has been operating continuously as a printer and publisher since the first Press book was printed in 1584. Since then, books under the imprint of the Press have appeared in each and every year, and the Press has grown to become one of the largest academic and educational publishers in the world, publishing over 2,000 books and 150 journals a year, which are sold to some 200 countries across the globe.

Over the years, the Press has published works by many famous international scholars. Eminent authors before 1800 included the philosopher Henry More, the poet John Milton, the physiologist William Harvey, Isaac Newton, and the physician Sir Thomas Browne. Since the late nineteenth century, the volume and range have rapidly expanded. In the sciences, a tradition of was established of publishing works devoted to popular science that leads from Clerk Maxwell, Rutherford, Eddington, Jeans, Einstein, Schrodinger, Dirac, and Bohr, through to such distinguished modern physicists as Hawking, Penrose, Feynman, and Weinberg. The publishing of journals by the Press began in 1893.

Cambridge University Press has reaffirmed its commitment to the future development of the Journal, and to build upon the success achieved with Greenwich Medical Media. One crucial development will be the integration of a new online system for peer-review, a feature which will assist both the authors and editors.

We can confirm that our new association endorses totally the existing mission statement and aims that were established for the Journal under the stewardship of Greenwich Medical Media. Thus, the publisher and Editorial Board remain committed to publish in timely fashion all material of suitable scientific standard, whilst further developing the online presence of the Journal.

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