

Dear colleagues,

The Romanian Journal of Infectious Diseases (Ro. J. Infect. Dis.) was the official journal of the Romanian National Infectious Diseases Society and has evolved since the first number in 1997 with a trimestrial publication frequency, into a local medical speciality. *Ro. J. Infect. Dis.* is already indexed in the international databases EBSCO, Scirus, getCITED and WAME.

Currently the journal is nationally ranked CNCSIS, in B+ category and is applying for international indexing (Medline, Scopus, MedSci Communications, Medical-Journal, etc.).

The journal presents papers that are addressed mainly to infectious diseases specialists, but also to those interested in the field.

The journal has the following structure: editorial, reviews, original papers, case reports, special sections. The topics are mainly in the infectious diseases fields also covering bacteriology, virology, parasitology domains.

We aim to do some changes in order to extend first of all the addressability of this journal.

We intend to establish a high-quality, refereed journal of infectious diseases that can be accessed

by infectious diseases specialists worldwide. It will give Romanian but also Eastern European Countries Infectious Diseases Specialists the opportunity to publish their studies, and also to get access to reviews, updates and international research papers. Burning issues, HIV and hepatitis viruses will have special allocated spaces in each number. Specialists from limited resources countries have often difficulties to get papers published in well-known international journals, due to constraints regarding the resources and language. Therefore we intend to give free access to scientific articles for individuals. At least for the first year, the electronic version of the journal will be distributed at no cost over the internet. (In the future, we may have to charge a minimal subscription fee.)

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The journal already has close partnerships with other journals (*Journal of Family Practice, The Canadian Family Physician*) and information sources (eg. Reuters/Health) in order to be constantly up-to-date.

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