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Editorial

WITH THE PAPER, “Processes involved in reading imaging studies: workflow analysis and implications for workstation development” by Dr. Spencer B. Gay, et al. in this issue of *JDI*, we will begin to publish a series of “classic papers.” Issue 1 of *JDI* for 2003 will be guest edited by Dr. Samuel J. Dwyer, III and will be devoted entirely to classic papers. Dr. Dwyer and members of the Editorial Board selected these from a large number of candidates. We thought it important to re-publish these papers because they often appeared in sources that are likely difficult for our readers to locate, may not be listed in *Index Medicus*, and because they provide a historical perspective on radiological informatics.

We are grateful to the International Society for Optical Engineering (*SPIE*), the Radiological Society of North America (*Radiology*), American Roentgen Ray Society (*AJR*), and Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (*IEEE Computer Society Press*), the original

publishers, for their permission to re-publish these articles. To the authors who also granted such permission and who wrote the papers, we also give our thanks.

We gave (and will give) the authors of these papers an opportunity to provide an introduction to their work. It is our idea to continue to re-publish important papers from the early years of computer applications in radiology. If any of our readers have suggestions for this series, please contact me with the citation for the paper. Our primary sources are the early volumes of *JDI* and the *SPIE Proceedings*, so I would be particularly interested in papers on radiological informatics not from these publications.

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