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Editorial

Beginning with this issue of the *Journal of Digital Imaging*, the Society for Computer Applications in Radiology begins both a new publishing relationship and a new era for the Journal. The *Journal of Digital Imaging* will be published by Springer-Verlag New York, Inc. SCAR will work in collaboration with Springer-Verlag to continue to provide readers the high-quality print edition they have come to expect and receive.

Major changes to the Journal include a re-designed front cover, new editorial board, and added electronic enhancements. The *Journal of Digital Imaging's* electronic edition is available online at:

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I am looking forward to this new method of electronic publishing and I expect that readers will find that it provides faster and better access to research results. **Online First** publication also has added enhancements that paper publishing does not have; a great advantage of the Internet is its inherent multimedia nature. In the future, the ability to publish dynamic or multimedia material (something not feasible with paper) will expand the types and contents of articles authors can submit to *JDI*.

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