

# Editorial

## **Applied Cancer Research reached in 2005 its 25<sup>th</sup> year of publication**

As the Journal modernization and renewal process goes on, from volume 26, number 2, 2006, it begins to have only a freely available online edition, in PDF format. This decision is due to economic and strategic reasons, chiefly among them making publication more agile, something that makes easier the free dissemination of scientific information employing an electronic format.

For this to be possible, *Applied Cancer Research* has now a new site, [www.appliedcr.org](http://www.appliedcr.org). Besides, by employing a free publishing environment developed and made available by the Open Journal Systems (OJS), this important change became economically viable.

OJS is a journal management and publishing system that has been developed by the Public Knowledge Project (PKP) to expand and improve access to research. PKP is a federally funded research initiative at the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University, on the west coast of Canada. It seeks to improve the scholarly and public quality of academic research through the development of innovative online environments. PKP has developed free, open source software for the management, publishing, and indexing of journals and conferences. OJS and Open Conference Systems increase access to knowledge, improve management, and reduce publishing costs.

Some features of OJS are:

- Online submission and management of all content
- Comprehensive indexing of content part of global system
- Email notification and commenting ability for readers
- Local installation and local control
- Requirements, sections, review process, etc. configured by Editors

OJS assists with every stage of the refereed publishing process, from submission through to online publication and indexing. Through its management systems, its finely grained indexing of research, and the context it provides for research, OJS seeks to improve both the scholarly and public quality of referred research. OJS is open source software made freely available to journals worldwide for the purpose of making open access publishing a viable option for more journals, as open access can increase a journal's readership as well as its contribution to the public good on a global scale.

Thus, *Applied Cancer Research* gathers all conditions for continuing to be an agile, impartial and scientifically rigorous media committed to the free electronic dissemination of oncology research.

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