

Editorial Announcement

Online manuscript submission and reviewing for the *BJN*

I am pleased to announce that the *British Journal of Nutrition* has moved to an online manuscript submission and reviewing system, as of 1 May 2003. The Editorial Office have been working on the changeover for some 18 months and this is, of course, a move that is being made increasingly by academic journals. The system that we have adopted is that of *eJournalPress*, which may be familiar to many since it is already employed by a number of other journals, including those published by *Nature Publishing Group* such as *Nature* and the *International Journal of Obesity*. Authors are now asked to submit online through the following web address:

<http://bjn.msubmit.net/>

Either a single PDF file of the entire manuscript (including figures) or a word processing file together with files of the figures, can be submitted. If the latter is done, then a PDF file is created and authors are asked to check that it is correct. Help is provided on the website for each step of the submission process, but you are encouraged to contact the Editorial Office in London, either by email (edoffice@nutsoc.org.uk) or by telephone (+44 (0)20 7371 6225), if major difficulties are encountered.

In addition to manuscripts being submitted online, refereeing and all other aspects of the review process now also take place electronically. Among the expected advantages are a reduction in handling times and of cost, since manuscripts will no longer journey through the international postal system. We hope, therefore, that we will be able to offer an improved service to authors (and ultimately to subscribers). We recognise that in the short-term authors in some countries may experience

difficulty in accessing the system, in which case the manuscript and figures may be emailed to the Editorial Office; *in extremis*, for a limited period the Office will scan in a manuscript when authors are unable to submit electronically in any form.

I would also like to take the opportunity to record that we are moving to the use of abbreviated names of journals in the reference list after many years in which full names were required. I believe that full names are no longer necessary and there can be a significant saving in space and therefore of costs when abbreviated journal titles are employed. Authors may find it helpful to consult the following website if they are uncertain of the appropriate abbreviation for a particular journal:

**[www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/journals/
loftext_noprov.html](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/journals/loftext_noprov.html)**

Further changes to be introduced over the next few months include a modification of the layout of printed articles, primarily in relation to the appearance of the title page.

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