

New Society for Endocrinology Archive goes back to 1939

The Society for Endocrinology is pleased to launch its new online archive available from January 2009, charting the history of endocrinology for the past 70 years.

What is the Society for Endocrinology Archive?

The Society for Endocrinology Archive is a new online collection of material published from 1939 to late 1997. The Archive is hosted by online provider HighWire Press.

The Archive includes papers from *Journal of Endocrinology* from Volume 1 in 1939 to September 1997, from *Journal of Molecular Endocrinology* from Volume 1 in 1988 to August 1997 and from *Endocrine-Related Cancer*, the newest journal, from 1994 to 1997.

Over 10,726 articles and 93,000 pages in one archive.

All the papers published from 1997 up to 12 months before the current issues will continue to be available free to all users. These papers date from the first online issues of the journal and required no extra investment from the Society.

Why did the Society digitise the back volumes?

As a non-profit organisation the Society for Endocrinology is dedicated to the advancement of scientific and clinical education and research in endocrinology. The Society recognised that in making the papers from 1939 available online they would fulfil their mission and provide the endocrine community with a valuable archive of key papers that are relevant to endocrinologists today.

Sue Thorn, Managing Director of the Society for Endocrinology says:

“The Society realised that, by making the full archives since 1939 available online, we will be providing an important service to endocrinologists worldwide. The archive will be available from January 2009 and will be fully searchable and on the same HighWire online platform as the more recent articles. This project has been carried out in collaboration with HighWire and with support from libraries at the University of Bristol, Roslin Institute and AstraZeneca, who supplied the copies of the early volumes.”

How is the archive accessed?

The Society invested heavily in the digitisation project and, for a reasonable fee, the Archive can be purchased outright by institutions for perpetual use, subscribed to annually or purchased with the Society for Endocrinology three -journal package at a discounted rate.

Key papers within the Archive will be available online free from October 2008 until January 2009.

This is a major achievement for the Society for Endocrinology, a small not-for-profit publisher, who is now able to rival larger publishers in providing the community with a superb online Archive.

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Notes for editors

About Society for Endocrinology

The *Journal of Endocrinology* was first published in 1939 followed by the formation of the Society for Endocrinology in 1946. The Society currently is the major British society representing scientists, clinicians and nurses who work with hormones. It is continually increasing its size and range of activities, membership is open to anyone anywhere in the world working in an endocrine-related field, at any stage of their career.

www.endocrinology-journals.org or www.endocrinology.org

Today the Society's mission is:

- To advance scientific and clinical education and research in endocrinology for the public benefit.
- To educate and inform the public on all aspects of endocrinology.
- To attract good young scientists, doctors and nurses into endocrinology and to retain them in the discipline, in order to improve science and medicine for the public benefit.
- To raise the profile and be the voice of endocrinology in the UK.
- To promote and support endocrinology worldwide and to foster a sense of community, including working in collaboration with other international organisations

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