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# Springer and the Royal Academy of Medicine of Ireland enter into publishing partnership

### *Irish Journal of Medical Science* added to growing medical portfolio

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Springer, one of the world's leading scientific publishers, has announced a partnership with the Royal Academy of Medicine of Ireland (RAMI) to publish their journal, the *Irish Journal of Medical Science (IJMS)*, starting in 2007. The addition of this journal to Springer's portfolio accentuates its growing strength in medical publishing.

Established in 1832, the *Irish Journal of Medical Science* is one of the first and foremost scientific journals in the Anglo-Celtic islands. With articles written by international specialists, it covers all branches of medicine and publishes papers relevant to the daily practice of the medical professional. *IJMS* will be published quarterly and will contain reviews, original articles and commentaries. The Editor-in-Chief is Professor David Bouchier-Hayes, a surgeon with a strong reputation in Ireland and internationally.

Dr. Fergus O'Kelly, President of the RAMI, said, "This is an exciting and most important time for the Royal Academy of Medicine of Ireland and its official organ, the *Irish Journal of Medical Science*. The Executive Board of the Royal Academy is most positive about our association with Springer." Dr. John O'Connor, General Secretary, continued, "We look forward to this partnership and the many benefits that Springer's publishing experience will bring to the journal."

Christiane Notarmarco, Executive Editor at Springer London, echoed their sentiments, "We are proud to be associated with such a respected and historic body as the RAMI and are delighted to be supporting their mission. Through global distribution and electronic publishing on SpringerLink, *IJMS* will continue to grow."

Springer will publish the *Irish Journal of Medical Science* in both electronic and print formats to serve the needs of librarians and readers around the world. The journal will be available via SpringerLink, Springer's fully integrated, online information platform. Both Online First™, a feature where articles are published online before they appear in print, and Editorial Manager, an online peer review and author submission system, will be fully implemented for the journal. The Springer Open Choice program offers all potential *IJMS* authors the option of publishing their articles using the open access model once they have been accepted for publication.

### About RAMI

The Royal Academy of Medicine of Ireland ([www.rami.ie](http://www.rami.ie)) was formed in 1882, following an amalgamation of the four main medical societies in Ireland. At present there are over 1,200 fellows and members of the Academy representing 22 medical specialty sections. The primary role of the Academy is to provide a forum for the exchange of scientific information and to promote the academic discussions essential to scientific progress.

## About Springer

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