reviewers are always welcome and applications should be forwarded to the editors.
New EMJ online submission and review system

The Editors of *Emergency Medicine Journal* are pleased to inform authors and reviewers of its new online submission and review system, which will be available from 15 May 2002. Bench>Press is a fully integrated electronic system which uses the internet to allow rapid and efficient submission of manuscripts, as well as the entire peer review process to be conducted online.

Authors can submit their manuscript in any standard word processing software. Graphic formats acceptable are: .jpg, .tiff, .gif, and eps. Text and graphic files are automatically converted to PDF for ease of distribution and reviewing purposes. Authors are asked to approve their submission before it formally enters the reviewing process.

To access the system click on “SUBMIT YOUR MANUSCRIPT HERE” on the EMJ homepage: http://www.emjonline.com/, or you can access Bench>Press directly at http://submit-emj.bmjjournals.com/.

We are very excited with this new development and I would encourage authors and reviewers to use the on-line system where possible. It really is simple to use and should be a big improvement on the current peer review process. Full instructions can be found on Bench>Press http://submit-emj.bmjjournals.com/, and EMJ online at http://www.emjonline.com/. Please contact Natalie Davies, Project Manager, ndavies@bmjgroup.com for further information.

Pre-register!

We would be grateful if all *Emergency Medicine Journal* authors and reviewers pre-registered with the system. This will give you the opportunity to update your contact and expertise data, allowing us to provide you with a more efficient service.

**Instructions for registering**

1. Enter http://submit-emj.bmjjournals.com
2. Click on “Create a New Account” in the upper left hand side of the Bench>Press homepage
3. Enter your email address in the space provided.
4. Please be sure to enter the email address that you received this email message at. You will be given the opportunity to change this once you have created an account.
5. Choose a password for yourself and enter it in the spaces provided.
6. Complete the question of your choice to be used in the event you cannot remember your password at a later time.
7. Click on the “Save” button at the bottom of the screen.
8. Check the email account you registered under. An email will be sent to you with a verification number and URL.
9. Once you receive this verification number, click on the URL hyperlink and enter the verification number in the relevant field. This is for security reasons and to check that your account is not being used fraudulently.
10. Enter/amend your contact information, and update your expertise data.
11. Please note: You only need to create a new account once. If you submit to another BMJ Publishing Group journal you can use the same email address and password.