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5 Million Articles Online at HighWire The Evolution of an e-Publishing Platform

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HighWire Press, the world's premier scholarly online hosting service, reached a significant milestone this week with the posting of the five millionth article on its e-Publishing platform. HighWire, a division of the Stanford University Libraries, provides technology and customized online services to 140 publishing partners ranging from independent non-profit societies and associations, to university presses and large commercial publishers.

The milestone occurred while loading a substantial amount of journal backfiles on behalf of the American Medical Association. Bringing the HighWire total article count over the 5 million mark was an article dating from 1884, "Dermatitis Herpetiformis" by Louis A. Duhring, MD¹, published in *JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association*. The *JAMA & Archives Journals Backfiles Collection* will ensure that 125 years of high quality medical research will be available online at the journals' Web sites on the HighWire platform.

"We've been very pleased at HighWire's service and professionalism from the first article that went online to this latest retrospective batch," said Catherine DeAngelis, MD, MPH, Editor-in-Chief of *JAMA*. "With fully searchable XML text from 1883 forward, plus reference and correction linking, the *JAMA & Archives Journals Backfiles* collection will benefit from HighWire's dedication to providing a premier resource for physicians, researchers, and libraries."

"Our publishing partners have been steadily entrusting more and more of their content online with us," said Julie Noblitt, HighWire's Associate Director of Publisher Relations. "Access to the full scholarly record online is invaluable and we are delighted to have played an important role in serving the scholarly community in this way." HighWire has grown over the years to host the definitive online versions of journals, books, reference works, monographs, dictionaries, proceedings, edited collections and Knowledge Environments.

JAMA & Archives Journals are among the dozens of publishers who have released, or are planning to release, a complete online record of their publications on HighWire, including: AAAS' *ScienceClassic*, The Rockefeller University Press Archives, SAGE Publications backfiles, American Academy of Pediatrics e-Archives, the BMJ backfiles archive, and many more. By individual publisher policy, over 2 million of those 5 million articles are available online to readers without subscription barriers.

"What started as a safe haven for pioneering scholarly societies going online in the mid-1990s has become an evolution in scholarly publishing," said HighWire's Director, John Sack. "From our unique perspective within the scholarly community, we have been flexible and open to experimentation in the community by envisioning the way of the future and paving the road to virtual research."

The 140 HighWire-affiliated publishers represent a remarkable breadth in many disciplines. About half of the nearly 1,200 high-impact publications online at HighWire represent humanities and social sciences, and half cover the life sciences and medicine.

¹ *The Journal of the American Medical Association*. 1884;III(9):225-229.
<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/reprint/III/9/225>

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About HighWire

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A division of the Stanford University Libraries, HighWire Press provides online site development and hosting solutions to the scholarly publishing community. HighWire helps produce the definitive online versions of high-impact, peer-reviewed journals and other scholarly content in many disciplines. Since 1995, HighWire has partnered with influential societies, university presses and other publishers to create a vast database of the finest, fully searchable life science, research, medical, social science, and humanities literature available on the Internet. The HighWire community shares ideas and innovations in publishing through regular meetings, discussion forum and through the service of its unique blend of highly qualified staff.

HighWire's recently launched electronic platform, H2O, a dynamic new hosting environment, is flexible and adaptable to changing electronic publishing needs through standards-based architecture that allows interoperability with the many third party applications emerging from Web 2.0 development and beyond.

About JAMA & Archives Journals

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