

## Introduction

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After the editorial success of our previous annual supplements “Contemporary advances in clinical rheumatology” (Ed.: Ted Pincus), “Behcet’s disease and other autoinflammatory conditions” (Ed.: H. Yazici, E. Ben-Chetrit), “Vasculitis” (Eds.: W.L. Gross, L. Guillevin, C. Salvarani), and “Scleroderma Care and Research” (Eds.: P.C. Clements, J. Seibold, M. Matucci-Cerinic), we are now launching a new annual regular supplement entirely devoted to **Fibromyalgia and related syndromes**. The issue will be published yearly as a sort of “journal within the journal”.

The aim of this supplement is to update readers on the hottest topics in this complex and rapidly growing field, by publishing editorials, reviews and original articles pertinent to fibromyalgia. We believe that concentrating all of this material in a single volume will certainly increase the visibility and impact of the message to the scientific community. The articles published in this supplement should strictly follow the editorial policy and the style of the journal, as stated in our Instructions for Contributors, and they will undergo exactly the same

rigorous peer review process as the works processed for our regular issues. The circulation of the issue, as well as its inclusion in all the major citation indexes, such as Medline, Current Contents, etc., will be exactly the same as that of our regular issues.

With this initiative we have committed as Guest Editors or member of the Editorial Board some of the leading experts in the field, whom I wish to warmly thank for so promptly accepting our invitation to contribute to this issue.

I am confident that with their help and dedication this supplement will rapidly become a key reference in the field and foster the scientific knowledge and clinical awareness of this difficult and modern aspect of rheumatology.

S. Bombardieri  
*Editor-in-chief*

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