

From the Editor-in-Chief

Keeping the promise made to our most affectionate and faithful readers, just over a year ago, Acta Otorhinolaryngologica Italica, as from Volume 24, no. 1, is taking another important step forward in its evolution, aimed at further promoting Italian Otorhinolaryngology at international level.

In fact, the Journal will now be found on Internet, www.actaitalica.it, with the full PDF edition free of charge, easily and immediately accessible, worldwide, to all those interested.

Internet is currently the most powerful means of spreading news worldwide and one of its most important aspects has been making science and culture available to everyone, with no limits as far as concerns borders, languages, economic or bureaucratic problems. "Acta" could no longer refrain from taking advantage of the Net in order to achieve its scientific aims.

The complete Internet edition of "Acta", with the articles in English, will mean that the scientific contents of the Journal will reach a much greater audience and we are confident that this new approach will be the best contribution that the Official Journal of the Italian Society of Otorhinolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery can offer to promote Italian Otorhinolaryngology, not only in general, but more specifically in view of the International Federation of ORL Societies (IFOS) – World Congress 2005 to be held in Rome next year under the Chairmanship of Prof. Desiderio Passali.

Hopefully, the Internet edition of "Acta" will meet with the same favour and interest that the latest innovations, not least of which the English edition, have already aroused among our colleagues, not only in Italy.

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