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***Web-based manuscript tracking system from Aries Systems
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Leading publishers place orders for the new Editorial Manager™ system.***

North Andover, MA, USA -- April 30, 2001. Aries Systems Corporation today announced the forthcoming release of *Editorial Manager*, the web-based manuscript submission and tracking system for STM (Scientific, Technical and Medical) publishers.

For years, readers and authors of scholarly manuscripts have clamored for a more rapid and efficient peer review process. *Editorial Manager* uses the capabilities of the Web to meet this need by allowing on-line manuscript submission by authors in a variety of document and image formats including: Word, WordPerfect, RTF, Postscript, PDF, LaTeX, GIF, TIFF and JPEG. Submissions are automatically transformed into PDF files for circulation to selected reviewers. All the functions of the publisher's editorial office, such as reviewer selection and review status tracking are automated by *Editorial Manager* using e-mail and Web-based reporting. Authors, reviewers and editors can therefore monitor the progress of their manuscripts from anywhere in the world using any Web-capable computer and e-mail.

Editorial Manager is provided to publishers using an ASP (Application Service Provider) model. This means that publishers do not have to spend resources to install and support Web server software, and that they benefit from the high-availability infrastructure of *Editorial Manager*. All the data remains the property of the publisher and is made available for off-site storage and back up at publisher's facilities.

Several leading publishers including Harcourt, Inc., and the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research have already ordered *Editorial Manager*. Adrienne Lea, Director of Publications at the *Journal of Bone and Mineral Research*, said "we chose this solution because of Aries' track record and integrity as a technology vendor".

Lyndon Holmes, President of Aries Systems, commented "we've been working with scholarly publishers for almost 15 years and we know that the speed and efficiency of manuscript publication is the key to continued success in electronic publishing. As well as accelerating the publication process, *Editorial Manager* will dramatically reduce the large amounts of money spent by editorial offices each year on overnight couriers."

About Aries Systems Corporation - Since 1986, Aries Systems has successfully delivered technology that connects medical knowledge workers to the most accurate and comprehensive answers to their questions. Aries provides the navigation infrastructure that empowers all of the participants in the knowledge retrieval chain -- publishers, database developers, knowledge workers and librarians.

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