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More than ten years after the first computer viruses has appeared, it was time to launch a serious peer reviewed journal on the topic. As a publisher and as an individual internet passionate, I had no doubt about the need for a research depository of articles related to computer virology. I just had a realistic idea on the difficult task to launch such a periodical and to position it as an unquestioned scientific reference in its domain.

Publishing projects often result from a good match between interested people and interesting ideas. A discussion with Dr. Eric Filiol, the successful author of the Prix Roberval winner book "*Les virus informatiques*" (ISBN 2-287-20297-8), in December 2004 is one of such events. Filiol was enthusiastic and Springer was receptive. In a couple of meetings, the obstacles were identified and tackled. A solid scientific Board was gathered. A planning was set. A call for paper was produced. A promotional leaflet was issued.

The new journal was called *Journal in Computer Virology*. The prefix is important. It clearly sets the scope: getting into the science and avoid legal obstacles and commercial bias.

The *Journal in Computer Virology* aims to provide the researchers in computer science and in information

technology with a specialized periodical for publication and learning. The articles published therein will be duly refereed and accepted by an International Advisory Board. Scientist and engineers in many disciplines: programmers, software providers, network administrators, data managers, will find in the *Journal in Computer Virology* an unquestioned source of documentation. The journal aims to establish itself as the main reference in its field and a requisite title for the libraries.

The *Journal in Computer Virology* will apply to the relevant indexing services and will be accessible online on SpringerLink as from its first issue.

The challenge is obvious because the topic is of true scientific interest and of real economic importance. The target is set. Now, the authors, the readers, the editors will decide.

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