PNEUMON in the directory of open access journals

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Professor of Pneumonology, Medical School, Democritus University of Thrace, and ERS Visiting Professor, Medical University of Vienna, Editor-in –chief PNEUMON PNEUMON, continuing its high level quality of publication, is now included in the list of the **Directory of Open Access Journals (www.doaj. org).** This leads to its increased visibility and availability to the users of open access journals.

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In line with other medical journals, PNEUMON will launch a new section on IMAGES IN PNEUMONOLOGY, which will include interesting pictures of respiratory disease (histology, imaging, photographs), with a short description.

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