Q: What is PRE?
A: PRE is a service which validates the peer review conducted prior to the publication of scholarly material. Peer Review Evaluation (PRE), will let users know that material has been vetted. The goal of PRE (Peer Review Evaluation) is to help recognize those who work hard at quality peer review and to increase the level of trust and transparency around the process.

Q: Why is Aries collaborating with PRE?
A: Aries is the first workflow solutions provider in the scholarly publishing industry to integrate PRE data into its system, reflecting our innovation and leadership position within the industry. We are being responsive to the need for scholarly journals to have a more convenient and standardized way to assess the quality of peer review.

Q: What is the solution?
A: The PRE services use a variety of inputs to deliver PRE for a manuscript. These data inputs are stored in Editorial Manager. Relevant workflow data will be automatically transferred from Editorial Manager to PRE so that PRE can be published within the manuscript. PRE is typically displayed on the journal’s publication platform.

Q: What type of information related to the peer review process does PRE make available on the journal’s publication platform?
A: This can vary depending on the journal policy. There are certain items which are displayed as part of a standard report: number of revisions undergone prior to acceptance; the role that participated in the review process; plagiarism screening, etc. However, a journal can elect to display additional information such as the reviewer comments (with or without the reviewer names to preserve reviewer anonymity); editor comments, and so forth.

Q: How do I configure output from Editorial Manager to PRE?
A: The transfer functionality will be activated by an Aries Customer Service Account Coordinator, who will also be available to answer any further configuration questions.

Q: Who do I contact if I want the service?
A: Any journal interested in using PRE may contact Striatus/JBJS, Inc., or by visiting www.PRE.org.
Q: When will Editorial Manager be able to deliver peer-review metadata to PRE?
A: PRE Editorial Manager data output is planned for BETA testing by existing Editorial Manager customers in September 2014, with general release scheduled for December 2014.

Q: Is the arrangement between PRE and Aries exclusive?
A: No. This is not an exclusive agreement between Aries and PRE, however the relationship does reflect Aries’ commitment to addressing changes in the market and being proactive about adapting to them.

Q: How much does it cost?
A: The annual maintenance cost from Aries for PRE output is $250 per journal. A separate membership to PRE must be obtained directly from Striatus/JBJS.

Q: Where can I see more information about PRE and related PRE services?
A: For more information about PRE, please visit www.PRE.org. There is also information about our relationship with PRE on the Aries’ website at www.editorialmanager.com under the news and notices section.

Q: Who is Striatus?
A: STRIATUS produces a family of print and online publications and learning products. The flagship publication, The Journal of Bone & Joint Surgery, traces its origins back to the 1889 Transactions of the American Orthopedic Association, and is the gold standard in peer-reviewed scientific information in their field. STRIATUS also produces online Continuing Medical Education activities and has created an STM/Data Division which develops products and services, such as PRE and SocialCite, which assist the entire scholarly community.

Q: Who is Aries?
A: Aries is a trusted workflow systems vendor used by more than 6,100 journals for cloud-based manuscript submission and peer review. The company has served the scholarly publishing industry for more than 25 years. For more information about Aries Systems’ workflow solutions, please visit www.editorialmanager.com.