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To the Editor:

I am very much enjoying your trip down memory lane looking back at important articles in The Journal of Rheumatology. I was especially interested in your "Looking Back at the 1990s." I would like to point out an important milestone in The Journal that also took place in the 1990s, that is, the establishment of Pediatric Rheumatology as a section in The Journal. This was presaged by a supplement, entitled “Perspectives in Pediatric Rheumatology,” that was published for 3 years, from 1990 to 1993. The 13 perspective articles took thematic approaches to various topics and also included abstracts from several pediatric meetings. Although the Perspectives lasted only a short period, it led to the development of a section on Pediatric Rheumatology in The Journal and, subsequently, a pediatric rheumatologist assuming the role of the editor of the journal itself.

The Editor and Managing Editor in those days, Duncan Gordon and Sonia Gruson, respectively, were visionary in recognizing the importance of such a section, and The Journal deserves a lot of credit for its leadership in the dissemination of scholarly work related to pediatric rheumatology.

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