

EDITORS' NOTE

Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications (BBRC), a pioneering journal when it first appeared in 1959, continues to break new ground.

While maintaining its focus on rapid publication—an average of 6 weeks from submission to print—in 1996 BBRC has evolved from a camera-ready journal to one that is typeset. In 1997 BBRC will be published in a new larger format with a dramatic new cover. Moreover, we will be featuring an exciting new section: Breakthroughs and Views (B&V). B&V will consist of short reviews of important developments in biomedical research. Invited authors will have the opportunity not only to summarize new developments but also to offer predictions or hypotheses in a concise form. In addition, B&V will occasionally present opinions of note and perspectives on the people and history of science.

To stay informed of advances in their fields, scientists rely increasingly on the ability to search databases electronically. BBRC abstracts are available free online through our IDEAL Web site (www.idealibrary.com), where the entire journal is also available in electronic form to licensed users. BBRC is indexed by all of the major services, including *Index Medicus* (MEDLINE), Biological Abstracts (BIOSIS), Chemical Abstracts, Current Contents/Life Sciences, Science Citation Index, EMBASE, and SCISEARCH.

In addition to rapid review and publication, we strive to maintain the greatest exposure for our contributors and the highest quality for our readers. We believe that the changes implemented in the coming year will continue to make each issue of BBRC eagerly awaited.

The Editors