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EDITORIAL

BIOCHEMISTRY INTRODUCES "PERSPECTIVES IN BIOCHEMISTRY"

The rapid advances in biochemical research make it increasingly difficult to keep abreast of developments outside of one's immediate field of interest. This difficulty is further aggravated by the dispersion of publications in a plethora of scientific journals, many of which have been established recently in response to the proliferation of research. To alleviate the problems of keeping up with the literature, and to improve communication among practicing scientists, several journals have initiated the publication of short reviews in which the "state of the art" is summarized.

The Editorial Advisory Board of *Biochemistry* has considered the desirability of publishing such short reviews and has recommended at its last meeting that they be instituted, at least on an experimental basis. This recommendation has been accepted and in what follows, the guidelines of the scope and submission and publication procedures are described. PERSPECTIVES IN BIOCHEMISTRY are intended to familiarize the general reader with the current knowledge in a biochemical field or a topic of particular interest. Authorship is by invitation, but the editors welcome suggestions of topics and authors. Topics which have been recently reviewed in other journals will not be considered.

Manuscripts shall not exceed four printed pages, equivalent to twenty typewritten pages, double-spaced, including references, tables, and illustrations. They should adhere to the general format of regular papers published in this journal but do not require the subheadings of experimental papers. Manuscripts will be reviewed for accuracy and clarity, and if necessary, returned for revision. Accepted manuscripts will be published within two months after receipt and will appear at the beginning of an issue. We expect to begin publication of PERSPECTIVES IN BIOCHEMISTRY in the near future.