

EDITORIAL

Perspectives and Issues in Biochemistry

In 1987, *Biochemistry* introduced under the heading "Perspectives in Biochemistry" the publication of concise reviews on topics of particular biochemical importance. They were so well received that they were collectively published in special volumes for the benefit of a larger audience. Volume 1, covering the period 1987–1988, appeared in 1989,¹ and Volume 2 is now available.² Similar types of reviews have appeared in other biochemical journals.³ While all of these serve the readers to keep abreast with the rapid progress in biochemical research, they have at the same time created increasing demands for competent authors to write such reviews. Although it is the intention of *Biochemistry* to continue this series, we believe that there is also a need for shorter, more narrowly focused, and less time demanding reviews, which shall be entitled "Issues in Biochemistry". Manuscripts of "Issues in Biochemistry" should be limited to two printed pages (equivalent to eight to ten typewritten pages, double spaced) and address topics of current interest in the form of short reviews, novel ideas, or hypotheses. Personal polemics will not be allowed. Manuscripts will be reviewed by the editors themselves or by selected members of the Editorial Advisory Board, and every effort will be made to expedite the reviewing process and the publication of accepted manuscripts. Inquiries and copies of manuscripts in triplicate should be addressed to the editor. Publication will be scheduled in the order received.

- (1) Neurath, H., Ed. (1989) *Perspectives in Biochemistry*, Vol. 1, American Chemical Society, Washington, DC.
- (2) Both Volumes 1 and 2 can be obtained by writing to the Distribution Office, American Chemical Society, 1155 Sixteenth Street N.W., Washington, DC 20036.
- (3) *Journal of Biological Chemistry: 1988 and 1989 Minireview Compendiums* (1989, 1990) American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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