

Editorial

BBA reaches yet another milestone this autumn, when Professor L.L.M. van Deenen, who has celebrated his 65th birthday this summer, retires from active academia and at the same time as a Managing Editor of BBA, a position he has held for almost 30 years.

Professor van Deenen joined the Editorial Advisory Board of BBA early in 1962 and became one of the Managing Editors of the journal, alongside E.C. Slater and H.G.K. Westenbrink, in 1964. In this capacity he has contributed immeasurably to the continued growth and success of BBA for the last three decades.

In 1972 he initiated the publication of review articles on 'Biomembranes' in an independent volume with its own Editorial Board, of which he became Managing Editor. This proved to be a widely successful venture which continues to flourish today. Professor van Deenen succeeded Professor E.C. Slater as Chairman of the Board of Managing Editors in 1983 and captained BBA through the ensuing six years in a skilful and admirable manner. We hereby acknowledge his eminent contributions to biochemistry in general and in particular to BBA.

Fortunately, Professor van Deenen is not severing all ties with BBA at this time. We are pleased to announce that he will remain with us as an Honorary Managing Editor and will continue to edit reviews for Lipids and Biomembranes.

At this point I would like to extend a warm welcome to Professor Henk van den Bosch, who is joining us as a Managing Editor from October 1st, 1993. Professor van den Bosch is no stranger to BBA. He has been a member of the Editorial Board for the past 5 years and hails from the same illustrious institution as Professor van Deenen, i.e., The Centre for Biomembranes and Lipid Enzymology in Utrecht, where he holds the position of Professor of Biochemistry. He will undoubtedly strengthen the journal's reputation in the area of phospholipid metabolism, along with other aspects of the structure, dynamics and function of membranes and lipids in living systems.

We shall continue to serve you, the scientific community, to the best of our ability, and I am sure that you will join with us in wishing both Henk van den Bosch and Laurens van Deenen every success in their new positions.

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