

EDITORIAL

Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology: a new Subsection for Molecular Cell Research

At the beginning of 1982 some of the sections of BBA were reorganised and renamed to reflect the way in which biochemistry was developing. In addition, a new section called "Molecular Cell Research" was started. This section, which includes papers that deal with the investigation of cell biology at the molecular level, making use of non-invasive probes of intact cells, has become established very quickly. From an initial two volumes a year in 1982, it has doubled to four volumes in 1985.

An appreciable percentage of the papers that are published in "Molecular Cell Research" deal with the effects of hormones and other extracellular signals on isolated cell preparations. This is not surprising, since apart from molecular genetics, molecular endocrinology is perhaps the most rapidly expanding area of biochemistry. In re-

cognition of this trend, it has been decided to start a new subsection in "Molecular Cell Research", called "Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology". We invite submission of good articles in the fields of receptor structure and function, analysis of transmembrane signalling systems, biological actions of second messengers and protein phosphorylation.

Papers in Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology may be submitted in the same way as other papers direct to individual Managing Editors or to the BBA Secretariat in Amsterdam. Readers of the journal are reminded that total publication time, including that required for editorial handling, is now only about 5 months.

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