

Editorial

The Managing Editors of *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta*, with advice from members of the Editorial Board, are charged with maintaining the scientific standards of the journal and with ensuring that authors' papers are dealt with fairly and efficiently. It is for these reasons that they regularly review the content and performance on BBA and, following this, introduce innovations and improvements. In this way, several scientific and administrative changes are being made in 1991.

You may already have seen the first issue of the exciting new section to the journal, called *Molecular Basis of Disease*. The Managing Editors hope that this section will reflect the great interest generated by the current rapid progress towards our understanding of disease processes in molecular terms.

We are also introducing a new type of paper, *Rapid Reports*, to replace the existing BBA Reports. Authors are increasingly wishing to communicate their most exciting and timely work as rapidly as possible. In the past, journals like BBA were not able to offer the kind of speedy response expected in such publications. With the establishment of new receiving centres world-wide,

together with an increase in the number of Managing Editors, as well as improved methods of handling by the Publisher, we can now offer a rapid publication format for outstanding work (see Announcement in this issue).

We are pleased to announce the opening of a Japanese receiving centre under the direction of a new Managing Editor, Professor Y. Kagawa. In addition, at the Boston Office, Dr. David Waxman has joined as Associate Managing Editor and in Oxford, Dr. Gary Brown, in a similar capacity, has assumed special responsibility for the new section *Molecular Basis of Disease*.

We look forward to working with you as editors, authors, reviewers and readers and trust that you will find that in 1991 BBA will continue to serve the scientific community by publishing papers that reflect the continued exciting advances in biochemistry and biophysics.

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on behalf of the
Managing Editors as
Chairman of the Board