

Editorial

The Managing Editors are charged with the task of maintaining *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta* as one of the leading general journals of Biochemistry and Biophysics. The dichotomy of increased specialization, resulting in the proliferation of specialist publications, and the need for new interdisciplinary scientific research make it all the more important, in our view, that publications like *BBA* achieve a broad coverage of the subject. Changes in the organization and scientific context of the journal over the years have aimed at ensuring this.

The introduction of new sections on *Molecular Cell Research* and more recently on the *Molecular Basis of Disease* are just two examples of such changes.

The wide scope of the journal is reflected in the composition of our Editorial Board and in the range of excellent reviewers we rely on. The scientific quality of the papers we accept must depend on the quality of the advice we receive and we are very grateful for the work of all our Editors and reviewers. Increasingly, members of the Editorial Board participate in advising the Managing Editors not only on the fate of individual scientific contributions, but also on matters of policy.

The expertise among the Board of Managing Editors also reflects the general nature of *BBA*. In this respect we are delighted that *Professor Jeff Schatz* of Biozentrum in Basel has joined us as a Managing Editor. His work on mitochondrial biosynthesis and assembly will be well known to many of our readers,

and he adds a new range of expertise to our Board. His appointment follows from *Professor Philip Cohen's* wish to leave the board. Philip Cohen made very significant contributions to *BBA* over the past 11 years and we are most grateful to him for all his work for us. He played a leading role in establishing the new section on *Molecular Cell Research* and participated in the experiment of setting up receiving centres outside Amsterdam. The success of this experiment led to the establishment of further new receiving centres in the USA and two years ago in Japan, both contributing greatly to the international value of *BBA*.

Fortunately, Philip Cohen will not sever his links with *BBA* entirely, as he will continue to look after mini-reviews in *Molecular Cell Research*, assuming the role of an Associate Managing Editor. Professor Keith Tipton from Dublin has also agreed to become Associate Managing Editor with special responsibility for reviews in the *Protein and Molecular Enzymology Section*.

We shall continue to serve the scientific community to the best of our ability. The success of the journal, however, depends on its contributors, readers and reviewers.

I wish all of you the best for 1993.

George Radda,
Chairman, Board of Managing Editors