

Editorial

The journal *Biomacromolecules* was first published in 2000. Since its inception, the manuscript submissions have increased each year. The journal has encouraged papers exploring the interactions of macromolecules with biological systems and their environment as well as biological approaches to the design of polymeric materials. We have introduced the very latest areas of research at the interface of polymer science and biological sciences. At the same time, we have emphasized the interaction between modern materials and the environment, including packaging and consumer products, biomedical materials, and polymers for engineering applications. The interdisciplinary focus is the strength of the journal, and our objectives for this journal are still to foster an interdisciplinary vision of this emerging science and technology and to provide a publication vehicle for this new field, to address opportunities and challenges.

The scientific community has received the journal favorably and has been very encouraging. From the beginning, we have tried to have a quick processing time from submission to acceptance. We are grateful to all of our reviewers, and I would like to express my deep appreciation for their time and efforts. We are also thankful for our authors sending their valuable work to *Biomacromolecules*. Thanks to the authors and reviewers, we have succeeded not only in having a rapid peer review process but also in maintaining a high quality in the scientific research we publish. This is shown, for example, in our growing citation index and impact factor, which in 2004 was 3.299.

I would also take this opportunity to thank our editorial staff, our Associate Editors, and the staff at the ACS Publications Division, both in Washington, DC, and Columbus, OH, for their committed work and support.

Finally, I am happy to announce that, as of 2006, *Biomacromolecules* will be published monthly. We will also introduce a graphical Table of Contents, which in combination with the title gives the reader the flavor of the paper and the possibility for the author to point out the key message of the paper.

My expectation for the upcoming years is that *Biomacromolecules* will continue to gather exciting papers and publish research with the latest steps in this scientific forefront.

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