

EDITORIAL

Since the introduction of *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters* in January 1991, the manuscript submissions have risen steadily on a monthly basis. The journal currently receives on the average one manuscript per day for consideration for publication. In 1991, over 250 manuscripts were received, and the majority of these were accepted for publication after refereeing. FAX submitted manuscripts and especially the use of FAX submitted reviews of manuscripts have expedited the handling of manuscripts. Some have appeared in print six weeks after the initial submission date and on occasion the completed review of a manuscript required only 24 - 48 hours with the FAX solicitation of reviews. Provided an author has requested (or permitted) the handling of the manuscript through channels that may not guarantee confidentiality of the manuscript submission (FAX solicitation of review), we have been especially successful in expediting the journal processing of the manuscript.

Of the manuscripts received to date, approximately 56% have detailed efforts that may be classically regarded as Medicinal Chemistry with the remaining 44% of the manuscripts treating various aspects of Bioorganic Chemistry. Many of the articles have detailed studies effecting both scientific communities. Thus, the journal has been successful in representing the interests outlined in its original objectives, scopes, and aims and will continue to strive to serve a diverse scientific community addressing studies at the interface of chemistry and biology.

Three new features of the journal will be introduced for 1992.

- (1) **Symposia-in-Print.** Periodical use of thematic issues in the style of the well-established *Tetrahedron* Symposia-in-Print will be employed to treat fast breaking scientific developments or to review the recent advances in more traditional research areas. An initial set of Symposia-in-Print topics currently under development by invited Guest Editors may be found on the following page. Suggestions of potential topics and potential guest editors are always welcomed.
- (2) **Color Figures.** Starting in 1992, full color illustrations will be published in the journal. The use of color illustrations will be permitted at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief provided the color figure(s) enhance the scientific or informational content of the article. *Color illustrations accepted for publication will be reproduced at no charge to the author.* Every issue of the journal need not contain color figures and authors should be aware that the inclusion of a color illustration may delay publication of their paper. It will take the publisher time to make the required separations, print, and ensure that the illustrations are reproduced to the required quality. Thus, the publication of papers containing a color illustration could be delayed by up to one month.
- (3) **Cover Photograph.** A tradition of employing a new annual color figure for the journal cover has been implemented and it is expected that the cover photo will represent a key aspect of exceptional science published in *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters* in the preceding year.

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