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Editorial

Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry becomes biweekly in 2003. This change is largely due to a significant increase in submissions, perhaps resulting from an improved electronic submission tool, and improving review process and time to publication. The Journal continues to provide its service of publishing original research and reviews of current interest and important discoveries in the fields of bioorganic chemistry, medicinal chemistry and related disciplines.

We are particularly pleased that after the establishment of the European office, under the leadership of Professor Herbert Waldmann, the Journal has become truly international. In addition, the quality of contributions continues to improve, indicating a strong interest and growth in the field.

Starting this year, the Journal also publishes *Perspectives* on specific subjects that already have, or are likely to have, a major impact in areas related to chemical biology and drug discovery (see Instructions to Authors for further details). The first of these papers will be an article by Bruce Ganem and Jack D. Henion in a forthcoming issue.

Perspectives will form part of our efforts to publish one review article per issue as well as to continue the quality and speed of publication, and we ask for your support to make it happen.

Professor Chi-Huey Wong
Editor in Chief

Publisher's Announcement

In addition to Professor Wong's Editorial above, the Publisher is pleased to report on the following:

Increased Publication Frequency

In response to the continued growth of quality submissions, *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry* will double its publication frequency from 12 to 24 issues per year, as of 2003, leading to even faster dissemination of your work.

Improved Production Times

During the course of 2002, we have reduced production times to under 11 weeks, and there are plans to further decrease the time to publication during 2003. Manuscripts are published on the web as corrected Articles in Press up to four weeks in advance of print publication.

Improved Online Submission Process

Authors also benefit from a new improved online submission tool at www.tetsubmit.com, which has been updated to provide greater functionality, faster submission and a more intuitive system.

Increased Visibility and Unparalleled Readership

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