

Publisher's Announcement

Elsevier is pleased to report on a number of developments, where *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry* continues to strive to improve its service to authors and readers.

Maximum visibility: Readership of the Journal via ScienceDirect continues to grow at an impressive rate. In the past 12 months, downloads of papers from *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry* have almost doubled. All issues back to volume 1 issue 1 are available. The Journal is delivered in print and electronically to thousands of institutes worldwide. In some countries (e.g., Switzerland, Hungary) and American states (e.g., Ohio), every institute has access to ScienceDirect. We also expect readership to grow again in 2004, guaranteeing an even wider international audience for authors' research.

Faster publication: Time to publication has decreased further. The average time from acceptance to publication on ScienceDirect is now less than 6 weeks for *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry* authors. Increased publication frequency and greater usage by authors of electronic submission has helped speed publication.

Increased impact factor: The impact factor of *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry* is increasing. According to the 2002 figures released by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) earlier this year, the impact factor has risen to 2.043 (ISI Journal Citation Reports®).

Exclusive author benefits: Authors also continue to benefit from free colour reproduction of their figures (where scientifically necessary), 25 free offprints, free alerting service ContentsDirect, liberal copyright policies and a 30% discount on any Elsevier book title (ordered directly from Elsevier, and excluding major reference works).

Perspective articles: Readers saw the launch of a new article series in 2003—Perspectives. These short reviews provide views of specific subjects that already have, or are likely to have, a major impact in areas related to chemical biology and drug discovery.

NEW in 2004!

Regional Editor: Elsevier is delighted to welcome Professor Yuichi Hashimoto of the University of Tokyo, Japan, as the new Regional Editor for Japan and the Far East of *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry*. Professor Hashimoto succeeds Professor

Masakatsu Shibasaki as of 1 January 2004. Professor Shibasaki will continue to handle submissions to *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters*. For full submission details, please consult the Instructions for Authors at the back of this issue.

Supplementary data: *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry* can now feature supplementary data files. These will be hosted alongside the online version of an article, within ScienceDirect. For more details, see the Announcement in this issue on p. 13.

Cover: A new design for the cover allows changing cover images to be featured, drawing greater attention to Symposia-in-Print, Review and Perspectives articles. The new cover also reflects that the Journal is now published under the Elsevier imprint.

Graphical contents list: The contents pages of the Journals have been re-designed to give a quicker, clearer overview of the contents of each issue. This layout has also simplified the requirements for authors in preparing a graphical abstract; the templates that were previously provided have now been replaced by the requirement to keep the content of the graphical abstract within an area measuring 5 cm by 17 cm.

Other news regarding the Tetrahedron Publications:

The website tetrahedron.info continues to attract new readers. The site provides information on a number of initiatives connected with the Tetrahedron journals (for example, the Tetrahedron Prize and Tetrahedron Chair) as well as providing information on submission and content. You can also download free feature articles or enter competitions on the site. Visit the site now at www.tetrahedron.info to see what is available.

The Tetrahedron Symposium 2003 was held in Oxford in July; delegates from academia and industry were attracted by the excellent line-up of speakers. The 2004 Symposium will be held in New York on Friday 18 June and again we have an impressive list of plenary talks. For full details, please go to www.tetrahedron.info/symposium

We wish all our readers and authors a Happy New Year and success during 2004.

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