

Editorial

Since it first appeared at the end of 1973, Biophysical Chemistry has proved to be a viable journal. More than two hundred papers were published in the first six volumes. They were written by scientists from all over the world and dealt with topics falling within the scope as outlined in the first issue. Also included were the papers presented at the conference "Fifty years of Ultracentrifuge" held in the U.S.A. in February 1975. Notwithstanding some criticism expressed in the early stages, Biophysical Chemistry seems to have filled a gap between existing journals in the fields of biochemistry and physical chemistry, particularly for papers in which the emphasis is placed on the quantitative interpretation or theoretical description of phenomena which may be of relevance to biological phenomena.

With this first issue of Volume 7, some changes will be made in the Editorial Board of Biophysical Chemistry. G. Felsenfeld and G. Manecke, which have served on the Board since its beginning, have decided to resign. They will continue to help editing the journal in their new capacity as Advisory Editors. We are very happy that H. Eisenberg (Rehovot, Israel) and F. Oosawa (Nagoya, Japan), both well known to the scientific community, have accepted our invitation to act as Editors. The new Editorial Board will maintain the same editorial policy as before and will try to raise continuously the scientific level of Biophysical Chemistry.

The first paper of this issue is a review article by H. Eisenberg. It deals with charged macromolecules and is dedicated to the memory of Aharon Katzir-Katchalsky whose tragic death, five years ago, deprived Biophysical Chemistry of one of its most enthusiastic supporters. Those who have known him will continue to remember Aharon Katzir-Katchalsky for his outstanding scientific and human qualities.

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