Editorial

Commencing with this issue, the first of Volume 30, the Editorial Board of *Biophysical Chemistry* has a modified composition. Professor Stanley J. Gill, who some time ago had to withdraw from the Board for personal reasons, has been replaced by Professor John A. Schellman (University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon) as a second editor from the U.S.A. At the same time, the number of editors has been increased to seven with the appointment of Professor Clas Blomberg (Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden).

I am confident that the new Editorial Board will pursue the same line of policy that, for the past fifteen years, has made *Biophysical Chemistry* a successful forum in the field of the interpretation of biological phenomena in terms of the principles and methods of physical chemistry.

This accomplishment can certainly be attributed to the dedication of all the Editors and Members of the Advisory Board – those who are still active after many years of service as well as those have served in the past, the various Guest Editors for special issues of the journal, and all those scientists who have been willing to act as referees for papers submitted for publication in *Biophysical Chemistry*, including those people not directly connected with the journal but who have been appealed to in view of their specific competence. The quality of *Biophysical Chemistry* depends to a great extent on their impartiality and sense of responsibility for which we are indebted to them.

Needless to say, the greatest credit for the success of the journal is of course due to all the authors who over the years have submitted excellent work for publication in *Biophysical Chemistry*. Their contributions have been essential to the very existence of our journal and for the high standards it has been possible to maintain. I hope that in the future they will show continued confidence in *Biophysical Chemistry* and that many more scientists working in the fields covered by this journal will join the ranks of the regular contributors.

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