

Preface

One of my first tasks on assuming the Principal Editorship of '*Biophysical Chemistry*' in early 1994, was to convene a scientific meeting to celebrate the publication of Volume 50 of the journal. 'Recent Advances in Biophysical Chemistry' proved an opportunity for contributions not only in areas traditionally well represented in the journal, but also in developing areas not yet reflected in the scope of the journal.

The two day meeting was held in the 'Chateau Marquette', near Amsterdam, and benefitted from the presence of a group of fifteen very distinguished speakers, and a number of the journal editors. Sadly, due to illness, Professor Mandel, the Founding Editor, was unable to attend.

The international constituency of the journal (around 50% of the papers published in the journal originate in the USA and 20% in Japan) was reflected by the assembled speakers. With such a wide range of research being presented, the meeting was an 'educational' experience in the true sense of the word, and for some, proved to be a first time appreciation of unfamiliar aspects of biophysical chemistry in general.

This impressive volume represents the contributions made at the meeting, and is an indication of the range and quality of material regularly published in '*Biophysical Chemistry*'. The journal enjoys a hard-earned reputation for openness to new methods and ideas and a stimulating and wide-ranging variety of topics, established over the last 50 volumes by a team of top class scientists and committed editors.

In the future, '*Biophysical Chemistry*' will continue both to uphold our rigorous refereeing standards, and to



Delegates enjoying a sunny pause in the proceedings of 'Recent Advances in Biophysical Chemistry'.

recognize developments in instrumentation and methodology as applied to all biological systems, thereby encouraging the publication of innovative and authoritative papers in all areas of biophysical chemistry.

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