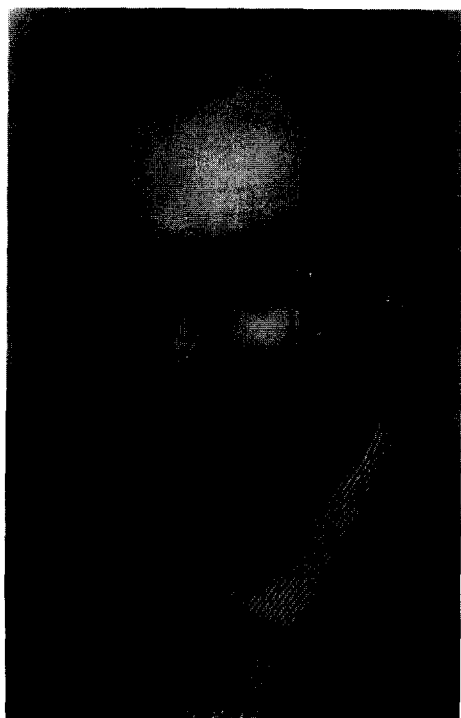


## Editorial



It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce the appointment of Professor Enrico Di Cera as a new US-based Editor of *Biophysical Chemistry*.

Enrico Di Cera holds Laurea in Medicine and Surgery from the Catholic University of Rome. He worked as a postdoctoral fellow with the late Stanley Gill and Jeffries Wyman on experimental studies of hemoglobin and extensions of the theory of linked functions. He is currently an Associate Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics at Washing-

ton University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri.

His research interests encompass experimental, computational and theoretical studies on molecular recognition and cooperativity. Thrombin is studied in his laboratory as an experimental model system for understanding the molecular origin of enzyme regulation by monovalent cations and the site-specific components of protein-protein interactions. Computational studies center about the prediction of metal ion binding sites in proteins. Theoretical studies focus on the properties of heterogeneous Ising networks and the development of a general description of site-specific cooperativity and linkage phenomena.

Enrico Di Cera is recipient of an Established Investigatorship Award in Thrombosis from the American Heart Association and Genentech. His research is currently funded by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the American Heart Association and Genentech. He has authored over 80 scientific articles and a book on site-specific thermodynamics published by Cambridge University Press in 1995. Enrico has also been a frequent contributor to *Biophysical Chemistry* in which he has published 12 regular papers and edited a Special Issue dedicated to Jeffries Wyman (*Biophysical Chemistry*, Vol. 37, 1990).

Authors from any country may now send manuscripts for consideration for publication to Enrico Di Cera directly. We look forward to a productive and close working relationship between him and *Biophysical Chemistry* in the future.

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