

Publisher's Note

It has been a successful and productive year for Biophysical Chemistry. We have improved our services to readers and authors and we have improved the quality of the journal and its related products such as ScienceDirect. We would like to share with you some of the highlights of the past year:

- Inflow to Biophysical Chemistry has increased, as we have seen for most of our journals. This is partly due to the availability of our web-submission system. Our readers make heavy use of the material published in Biophysical Chemistry and our other Physical & Theoretical Chemistry and Spectroscopy Journals, evident from the increase in full text downloads from our ScienceDirect Database to about 2 Million in 2003, up from 1 Million in 2002.
- As of 2004 most of our regular Articles will be published in electronic and **fully citeable format in around 1 month after acceptance**. For Biophysical Chemistry speed of publication is an important issue. We feel that our new service will make a difference; articles can be cited soon after acceptance. The actual appearance in the printed issue will not change the publication date as defined by the online availability.
- Biophysical Chemistry is included in a new initiative: '**Colourful e-Products**'. If we have received usable colour figures together with your accepted article we will ensure, at no additional charge, that these figures will appear in colour on ScienceDirect, regardless of whether or not these illustrations are reproduced in colour in the printed version.
- As of this year, Elsevier accepts **electronic supplementary material** to support and enhance the scientific research. Supplementary files supplied will be published online alongside the electronic version of the article in Elsevier web products, including ScienceDirect. For more info, go to: <http://www.info.sciencedirect.com/>
- **Elsevier and the American Chemical Society have agreed to provide linking between their services for scientists**. This implies that users of Elsevier products and services will be able to link directly to ACS scientific journals and that users of CAS products and services will be able to link, via ChemPort, directly to Elsevier scientific journals. A full press release can be found here: <http://www.elsevier.com/homepage/newhpgnews/production/cas/links/link1.htm>
- **ScienceDirect** reached the impressive milestone of loading the five millionth article into the database. In addition to an extensive full-text journal collection, ScienceDirect has increased its offering of other types of full-text content, such as the recently launched reference works program. More info: <http://www.sciencedirect.com>
- The increased efforts in **Books Publishing and Marketing** due to the merger of Elsevier and Academic Press have led to more than 40 new Book Proposals in the field of Physical and

Theoretical Chemistry during 2003. Some of these books will already be published in 2004! Naturally we are always interested to receive new proposals or interesting ideas, please send these these to elsevier.com

- Later this year, we will commence with a slightly larger physical format for Biophysical Chemistry. The reason for this change is that we can make a better use of the available space and knowing most of our readers access only the

online version, less paper is needed when printing. Due to the larger size, the journal will have less pages in 2005, but of course including the same amount of material. At the same time, we will then introduce a new, more modern cover design.

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