

FOREWORD

The appearance of the first number of FEBS Letters marks an important occasion in the history of the Federation of European Biochemical Societies. Although the Federation was founded only five years ago, its activities already include the publication of the European Journal of Biochemistry as well as the organization of Annual Meetings and Summer Schools. In view of the continuing growth of Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology and the increasing research effort in these sciences, it seemed desirable to make provision for the most rapid publication of short, but essentially complete and final reports in this field. This is the main purpose of the new journal, but in addition it is planned to publish from time to time short reviews on topics of current interest which are intended to provide useful summaries of recent advances.

As the present Chairman of the Federation I have much pleasure in welcoming the publication of FEBS Letters in the expectation that it will render an invaluable service to Biochemistry and to still better international co-operation. On behalf of the Federation I should like to thank all those who have been concerned with the establishment of the new journal and to express the hope that it will prove to be a successful and flourishing venture.

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