

Editorial

A Letter from the Managing Editor

As foreseen, genome sequencing is producing an impressive amount of first-class biological information, which goes well beyond the structure of the genome itself. One doubts, for example, whether the identification of the physiogenetic relationships among membrane transporters in yeast, and the structure-function implications yet to be specified, could have been possible without the information on the genome sequence (see this issue, pp. 232–236). We thus intend to expand in this area.

As 1995 is coming to a close, let me update you, dear reader, on our journal. Our very short publication time, i.e. a little more than 7 weeks, makes it attractive to first-rate papers. This is certainly the major reason why our journal is thriving in all criteria, including the high impact factor, etc. The merit of our success goes of course, primarily to the authors themselves.

You have probably noticed the changes in the format since the beginning of 1995; they are a part of our efforts not to pass the increased production costs to the subscribers. As you know, we do not levy page charges or extra fees for half-tone figures; those for colour pictures are quite moderate. This is in the spirit of FEBS itself, a non-profit organisation.

You as a reader and/or author can contribute towards making our (i.e. your) journal better and better; comments and suggestions are very much welcome.

With best wishes for the holiday season and for 1996,

Yours,

G. Semenza

Zürich, November 1995.