

EDITORIAL

This is the last issue of Glycoconjugate Journal in its present form and organisation. After seven or eight years the journal has grown to an extent that it is no longer in its best interests to continue with our spare time, amateur efforts, which no longer do justice to the potential of this, the major specialist journal in the area of glycoconjugate/glycobiology/glycotechnology research.

These years have been exciting and rewarding, and have witnessed the vigorous developments in many aspects of carbohydrates, particularly that of carbohydrate function. The recent blossoming of new carbohydrate biotechnology companies is a sure sign that our increasing knowledge of the biological roles of glycoconjugates will lead to new and improved pharmaceuticals.

So, it is time to update the journal and find it a good home with an established and reputable publishing house. Happily, Chapman & Hall of London will take over Glycoconjugate Journal from the start of 1991 and with their considerable resources and expertise will expand and improve Glycoconjugate Journal in a way that is far beyond that currently possible with our limited means.

This is perhaps a good time to express my profound gratitude to the members of the Editorial Board of Glycoconjugate Journal for their encouragement during these years and also for unselfishly giving their valuable time and expertise by reviewing manuscripts. Without this generosity no journal can survive.