

## EDITORIAL

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### Introduction

This is for me the third landmark in the history of the *Glycoconjugate Journal*. The Journal is now ten years old and as Chief Editor for this period I have naturally been intimately involved in the Journal's development. For the first seven years the journal was edited, published and printed in Lund and I spent many a long night editing, proof-reading, then cutting and gluing text and figures. As computer techniques improved, these processes became smoother, although not without occasional unforeseen problems. Such is the spice of life!

The second landmark and the most noticeable change to date occurred at the beginning of 1991 when the Journal was taken over by Chapman & Hall. At this stage the Journal was becoming too much work for a bunch of amateurs and the resources of a major publishing house were needed to ensure the Journal's continued development.

Since then the *Glycoconjugate Journal* has been enthusiastically and professionally run by an internationally renowned publishing house.

The third and current landmark will probably be less noticeable, but is a major change for me personally. After ten years I think the time is ripe for me to move on to other things and for the Journal to develop under the scientific guidance of a new Chief Editor. The publisher and I are very pleased that Professor Harry Schachter, of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada, will succeed me from the beginning of 1994. I wish him every success and know the Journal will be in capable hands.

Last but not least, I express my appreciation to past and present members of the Editorial Board for their generous support, through submission of papers, even more so through refereeing manuscripts, but most of all for their friendship and advice.