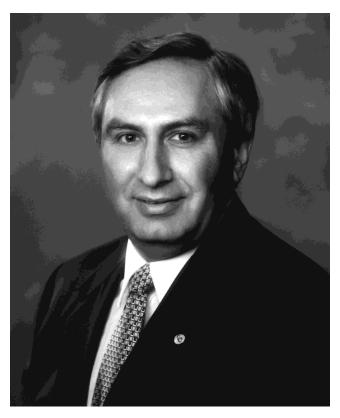
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On behalf of the Editorial team at *Macromolecules*, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Michael Rubinstein has joined us as an Associate Editor, effective March 2002. Michael is currently Professor of Chemistry at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Michael is internationally renowned for his pioneering theoretical contributions to our understanding of entangled chain dynamics, polymer networks (both permanent and reversible), and charged polymers.

After emigrating from Russia in 1977, Michael received a B.S. in Physics from the California Institute of Technology in 1979 and his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1983, where he worked with Professor David Nelson. After a postdoctoral stint at the AT&T Bell Laboratories he joined the research staff at the Eastman Kodak Company, where he remained for 10 years. In 1995 he moved to his current position at the University of North Carolina. His work has been recognized in

many ways, including the C. E. K. Mees Award from Kodak, Visiting Professorships at the Ecole Superieure de Physique et de Chimie Industrielles and the College de France in Paris, and Fellowship in the American Physical Society. He brings to the editorial position a remarkable breadth of knowledge in both macromolecular physics and chemistry and substantial experience in both academic and industrial research. We anticipate benefiting from his insight and leadership for years to come.

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