

## Letter from the editor

First, I wish to thank the outgoing Editor in Chief, Dr. Steven Zeisel, and his editorial staff for their enormous efforts to start and build *The Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry* to one of the leading journals in nutritional sciences. I also want to thank the Board of Editors and the many reviewers for their help with the publication of the excellent papers. A special thanks also to Linda Gruner, Associate Publisher at Elsevier, and her staff for their continued support and devotion to a journal of the highest quality. I also wish to share with the readers that *The Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry* is now included in PubMed, which is predicted to markedly increase the visibility of the Journal.

New leadership provides an opportunity for continuity but also for change. I will continue to match the present success of *The Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry*, and as the journal grows, we anticipate changes as the science related to nutrition keeps expanding. Changes also will provide an opportunity to revisit membership of the present editorial board and to invite new members. I consider an active participation of the Board of Editors to be a critical component of the overall success of the journal. I also wish to encourage each member of the Editorial Board to submit or help solicit the submission of one review article per year. Timely reviews are a necessary component of a successful journal.

I expect *The Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry* to become a major resource to the scientific and medical community, providing state of the art information about molecular and biochemical mechanisms of how nutrition can modulate disease development, especially of age-related diseases, using cell culture and animal models and clinical and human research approaches. For example, much new information is appearing about mostly protective properties but also possible cytotoxic effects of bioactive nutrients found in fruits and vegetables. We would like the Journal to be known for providing the data and information that will enhance our understanding of the role of dietary modulators and nutritional factors in the molecular control of the initiation and progression of diseases. In other words, *The Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry* should be the leading source for mechanistically based research articles to characterize the linkage between diet and nutritional modulation of diseases. To accomplish these goals, I envision the Journal to focus on mechanistic papers which discuss func-



tional properties and mechanisms of nutrition-related modulation of diseases and cytotoxicity.

As we start a new phase of *The Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry*, I am asking for your suggestions and to make this journal your first choice of manuscript submission. Along with the dedicated staff and Board of Editors, I look forward to serving you in the upcoming years.

Respectfully submitted,

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