
EDITORIAL

This issue of *Biophysical Journal* introduces some of the new features promised when I began my term as Editor. The transcript of the 1992 National Lecture by Jane Richardson, and the article by Gursky et al., illustrate our enhanced commitment to molecular biophysics, and our intention to use color figures extensively to illustrate molecular structures. The articles by Tom Pollard, and by Norma Allewell and myself, inaugurate a series on modern teaching of biophysics. These overview papers will be followed, starting next month, by articles dealing with the teaching of specific biophysical topics of broad significance.

Most noticeably, this issue contains a diskette, which constitutes a supplement or appendix to the November issue. It contains interactive microcomputer graphics files (*Kinemages*, developed by David and Jane Richardson) relating to the papers in this issue by Richardson and by Gursky et al., and to the paper "Nucleic Acid Database" by Berman et al. in the September, 1992, issue. It also contains a computer searchable Table of Contents and abstracts for all of the papers in this issue, and bibliographies for the articles on diskette, generated using software developed by Steve White. The "Read Me First" file has instructions for getting started. We hope that diskettes containing such information, along with sequences, coordinate sets, and computer programs, will eventually become a regular part of *BJ*. The diskette in this issue is in Macintosh format; we hope that those with PC's will be able to find a friend down the hall with

a Mac. The text files should be readable on any computer; use a standard file transfer program. Development by David Richardson of PC versions of "MAGE" for viewing Kinemage files and "PREKIN" for creating them is nearly complete. These exciting developments, which will help to make scientific information live and interactive, rather than static on the printed page, are supported by the Biophysical Society and the Protein Society through the Innovative Technology Fund.

You may also have noticed some production changes that began with the July issue. The journal is now printed on a uniform paper stock, which is less bulky and allows more flexible placement of halftones throughout each issue. Composition has been tightened, letting us put more on a page with no increase in printing cost. We have removed the ambiguity in reference formatting; all references must now be cited by number in order of appearance (see "Instructions for Authors"). This will make *BJ* more uniform, and save some space. We are grouping articles by topic in the Table of Contents, making it easier to find articles of interest and emphasizing our depth of coverage of these topics. We have reduced page charges from \$40 to \$20.

We hope that these new features and changes, large and small, along with others yet to come, will make *Biophysical Journal* even more attractive to readers and authors. I would welcome hearing from you about your reactions and suggestions.

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Editor