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This Special Issue of *FEBS Letters* marks the end of the first decade of the existence of the Federation of European Biochemical Societies. The material is divided into two parts. The first consists of a number of reviews of the progress of Biochemistry, in its widest sense, since the start of FEBS. This material does not, and in the nature of things it cannot, pretend to review progress in all areas of our subject. A number of topics have been selected and the reviews have been written by leaders in the respective fields. We are greatly indebted to the contributors who have put in so much work to make this Special Issue possible; it is undoubtedly interesting.

The second part consists of an historical record of the first ten years together with some views on the effect the existence of FEBS has had on Biochemistry in general, particularly in Europe. We hope this part will provide answers to questions such as: 'What is FEBS?' and 'What does FEBS do?' and that it will encourage European biochemists to continue to widen the processes of co-operation in which, we believe, FEBS has played a part.

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