



## Editorial

This issue of *Food Chemistry* marks a further important phase in the development of the journal. Since its launch in 1976 *Food Chemistry* has grown substantially in volume and, more importantly, in its standing within the scientific community. The journal is now taken by the vast majority of the important centres of food science in industry, academia and government establishments.

The continuing increase in the submission of high-quality manuscripts has meant that a further increase in the space available for papers was necessary. This also appeared to be the ideal time to change the format of the journal to A4 to bring it into line with the other major publications in the food sector. The increased page size allows more flexibility in the presentation of complex data and will also be able to accommodate all future developments that may prove necessary.

*Food Chemistry* has published papers covering many, if not all, aspects of the chemistry of foods. However, within this range a significant number of articles have concentrated on various topics within food analysis. A logical

extension of this success in attracting analytically based papers would be to assign a section specifically for this purpose and this has been carried out along with the reformatting of the journal. It is envisaged that this section will become a major feature of *Food Chemistry* and will be substantially strengthened by the incorporation of the *Journal of Micronutrient Analysis* to this venture. The Analytical Section will be the responsibility of Dr Robert Macrae (formerly Editor of *Journal of Micronutrient Analysis*). Papers covering all aspects of the analysis of foods, macronutrients, micronutrients, additives and contaminants, will be featured in this section. A bibliography of key published papers in the field will also be included.

*Food Chemistry* is now set to become the major journal covering all aspects of the chemistry of foods during the last decade of the twentieth century, and well beyond.

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