

Editorial Letter

Since its launch in 1976, *Food Chemistry* has become one of the leading journals covering all chemical aspects of Food Science and Technology. From 1992, the journal was further substantially strengthened by establishing a separate Analytical Methods Section within the journal. This was achieved by the incorporation of the successful *Journal of Micronutrient Analysis in Food Chemistry* as the new section with the late Dr Rob Macrae (formerly editor of *Journal of Micronutrient Analysis*) as its Editor. Papers covering all aspects of the analysis of foods were included together with a bibliography of key published papers in the field.

Earlier this year, Paul Finglas was appointed Editor of the Analytical Methods Section following the very sad and sudden loss of Rob Macrae. Paul is based in the Nutrition, Diet and Health Department at the Institute of Food Research, Norwich, UK, and has been associated with both journals for some time.

After careful discussions with the Publishers and members of the Editorial Board, we are very pleased to announce that the Analytical Methods Section will be renamed the Analytical, Nutritional and Clinical Meth-

ods Section and its scope will be widened. Papers relating to the analysis of foods including additives and contaminants will continue to be published but the determination of analytes for nutritional and clinical purposes will also be included. Additionally, papers reporting results of collaborative studies, novel techniques, automated procedures, quality assurance including the preparation and characterisation of reference materials, will be published. More emphasis will be placed on the development of new, or modification of existing procedures and inclusion of sufficient data from real samples to validate the method. The list of board members has been reviewed accordingly, and new members will shortly be appointed to reflect the wider interests of this section.

Food Chemistry, incorporating the revised Analytical, Nutritional and Clinical Methods Section, is set to become one of the leading journals for the publication of analytical papers covering all food and nutritional components.

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