

EDITORIAL

During the calm following the VIIth International Symposium on Glycoconjugates in Lund-Ronneby (July 1983), the organisers of that Symposium discussed the continued increase in interest in research into topics related to glycoconjugates. The size and scope of the published Proceedings of that Symposium (over 500 abstracts) indicated that a large number of papers on glycoconjugate research must be published annually, and yet there is no scientific journal solely devoted to the subject. We therefore decided to explore the possibility of starting such a journal by contacting a number of eminent scientists with glycoconjugate interests. The response was generally very positive, and after raising the necessary capital the project started.

The aim of the Journal is to publish articles on the synthetic, structural, metabolic and functional aspects of glycoconjugate research regardless of the glycolipid, glycoprotein, proteoglycan or oligosaccharide nature of the glycoconjugate studied. Additionally, the Journal contains a **Correspondence** section which hopefully will become a forum for discussion, as well as **Personal News** and **Announcements** sections. Please contribute!

Initially, we planned to publish the Journal by direct photography of the submitted articles, but the availability of an advanced printing system made us change our minds. At present we retype all articles using an IBM Series 80 word processor, so if you submit a manuscript prepared with this system, please send us a copy of the diskette! Unfortunately, intercomputer communications are not sufficiently well developed, so we cannot as yet accept diskettes using other systems. The advantage of submitting articles on a diskette is the elimination of all proof-reading and retyping stages, thus shortening publication time.

We hope that Glycoconjugate Journal will become an established, high quality journal which will benefit the glycoconjugate community. This aim will not be realised passively, but requires both the scientific and economic support of glycoconjugate researchers everywhere.

Constructive criticism of the Journal is welcomed and the right to publish any such correspondence in the Journal is reserved.