

Editorial

The *Glycoconjugate Journal* was first published in 1984 by the organizers of the 7th International Symposium on Glycoconjugates held in Lund-Ronneby, Sweden, in July, 1983. M. Alan Chester, one of the founding editors, has been Chief Editor of the Journal for the past 10 years. Under his wise and dedicated leadership, the Journal has offered an important forum for the publication of papers in the field of glycoconjugate research. The Journal is the Official Journal of the International Glycoconjugate Organization, which is responsible for the organization of the International Symposia on Glycoconjugates that are held every two years. The abstracts for the 11th and 12th Symposia were published in the Journal.

On 1 January 1994, Alan Chester steps down as Chief Editor-Regional Editor for Europe and K. O. Lloyd retires as Associate-Editor-Regional Editor for the Americas. It is my privilege to take over the post of Chief Editor and at the same time to become the Regional Editor for the Americas. Hans Vliegthart has kindly consented to take on the job of Associate Editor-Regional Editor for Europe. T. Osawa will remain as Associate Editor-Regional Editor for the Far East. On behalf of the Publisher (Chapman & Hall) and all editors and readers of this Journal, it is my pleasure to thank M. A. Chester and K. O. Lloyd for their many contributions to the Journal. Both Chester and Lloyd will remain on the Editorial Board. Chapman & Hall have given permission to add 12 new members to the Editorial Board and this will be carried out within the next few months.

The great success of the Glycopinion section is due completely to the tireless efforts of Special Advisory Editor Raymond Dwek and his assistant Pauline Rudd. This issue contains a Glycopinion Mini-Review by Jamey D. Marth on the potential importance of the null phenotype transgenic mouse in furthering our understanding of glycoconjugate function. Raymond Dwek invited this review and it is an excellent example of the provocative and stimulating material that Raymond considered appropriate for the Glycopinion section which he initiated in 1991. The highly popular Glycopinion Mini-Reviews will be continued. Glycopinion will also welcome Letters to Glycopinion from all readers, and plans to publish summaries of recent important papers, patents and symposia in the general area

of glycoconjugates. In addition to full-length articles on original research, the Journal will publish Short Communications in which authors can report preliminary ideas and data. We regret to announce that Raymond Dwek has decided to step down as Glycopinion Editor. The Publishers and Editors are most grateful to him for his brilliant and incisive editorials and thank both him and Pauline Rudd for organizing Glycopinion over the past few years. The Glycopinion section has contributed greatly to the international impact of the Journal. We hope to appoint a new Glycopinion Editor shortly. In the meantime, please address all enquiries regarding this section to the Chief Editor.

The field of glycoconjugates and glycobiology has grown at an extremely rapid pace. This is reflected by the creation of new specialized journals in the field. Further expansion of our discipline is certain. I am confident that the *Glycoconjugate Journal* can derive from its 10-year history the inspiration needed to survive and flourish in the coming years. But a Chief Editor cannot alone ensure the success of a Journal. I therefore ask all editors and readers of the Journal to contribute to its pages. Please submit original articles, mini-reviews and letters. Keep us informed of news and patents. And please try to convince our colleagues to do the same! As always, we are happy to publish quality material in all areas of glycoconjugates. We seek papers and reviews on the structural analysis, chemical synthesis, biosynthesis, degradation, biology and pathology of glycoproteins, glycolipids, proteoglycans, and oligo- and polysaccharides.

Chapman & Hall, the Chief Editor, the Associate Editors and the Editorial Board are all dedicated to the rapid and fair assessment of your material and to its publication in a timely and accurate manner. The Publishers are also in the process of negotiating special personal subscription rates for members of all legitimate glycoconjugate societies in various parts of the world. You are urged to subscribe to the Journal at these special rates. If anyone has any criticisms or comments that may further the success of the Journal, please write the Chief Editor. I will do all I can to expedite your requests.

Harry Schachter
Chief Editor