



Preface for the first issue on Glycoconjugates and cell signaling

At the editorial board meeting in the XIVth International Glycoconjugate Symposium in the Hague, The Netherlands in August 2001, the editors made a unanimous decision to publish a few special issues of Glycoconjugate Journal on "Glycoconjugates and Cell Signaling." The coordination assignment was bestowed on me. We started sending invitations to submit articles to researchers who are actively involved in this field, and by May 31, 2003, we received 22 articles. After proper editorial work we have decided to publish these important and informative articles in three special issues of the journal. In the age of Genomics, Proteomics, Lipidomics, and Glycomics, the future direction is heading toward "Regulation of Cell Signaling." Almost all 22 of these papers have the main theme of the role of Glycoconjugates in the Cell Signaling process.

We have decided to dedicate these volumes in the name of six pioneer researchers in this field. The first volume will be dedicated to Professor Saul Roseman and Professor Yoshitaka

Nagai. Our second volume will be dedicated to Professor Senitiroh Hakomori and Professor Guido Tettamanti. The third volume will be dedicated to Professor Robert Ledeen and Dr. Roscoe Brady. It is needless to mention that all these six scientists are famous for their contributions in the field of Glycoconjugates.

I hope the readers and the future researchers will benefit from the hard work done by the authors and the people responsible for their publication. During editorial work, all these papers educated me quickly in this field. If more authors are encouraged to submit their work in this area to our journal, we will be happy to put together future special issues. I encourage them to submit their papers (hard copies as well as electronic files, PDF) directly to the editorial office and to mention this special category.

On behalf of the editorial board, I thank all the authors for their hard work and also those world-renowned scientists who allowed us to dedicate these issues in their names.

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