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EDITORIAL

Authoritative review articles provide an important means of helping specialists and generalists alike to keep abreast of advances in expanding subjects. In promoting this new review journal in physical chemistry and chemical physics, we aim to cater for the needs of the research worker and the teacher in the various branches of higher education and of the many scientists working in adjacent fields, such as physics, biophysics and material sciences.

It is not intended that the journal should achieve a comprehensive coverage of physical chemistry. We shall encourage reflective, critical and scholarly articles that trace the discovery and development of a phenomenon, technique or theory—to set it in its context, emphasize its strengths and weaknesses and point to future developments. Established topics are to be revisited and new ones identified as their importance grows. Emphasis will be placed on clarity of presentation and each review should bear the 'expert touch'.

International Reviews in Physical Chemistry can be considered to replace the earlier *M.T.P. International Review of Science: Physical Chemistry*. Series 1 and 2 were published by Butterworths in 1972/73 and 1975/76; no further volumes in that series will be published. We believe that *International Reviews in Physical Chemistry*, with its broader base and regular publishing programme, will offer a better service to readers and authors.

Initially, the new journal will appear three times a year. The Editors will be pleased to receive suggestions of topics for review, and to hear from potential authors.

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