



EDITORIAL

Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

Dear Reader and Colleague,

My last Letter dates back to the January 1999 issue of *Journal of Biomolecular NMR*, when we started publication on a monthly schedule. In the meantime the increased frequency of publication has proven to be a full success. In spite of the continued high flow of manuscripts, all submissions during the past year have been processed and published within ten weeks of the date of acceptance. The Editors take this opportunity for expressing their gratitude to the publisher for achieving this encouraging efficiency while keeping up high standards of presentation.

During the International Conference on Magnetic Resonance in Biological Systems in Florence from August 20 to 25, the Editors met with the Editorial Board of *J. Biomol. NMR* for an exchange of ideas. As a result, some aspects of manuscript refereeing will be revised to further speed up the review process, in particular for *Communications*, and to enable a more direct influence of the Editorial Board on the quality control of the Journal. Even more important, these discussions provided a basis for expansion of the scope of *J. Biomol. NMR*, as detailed in the following.

Starting in January 2001, *J. Biomol. NMR* will publish five different types of publications: *Articles* continue to be full-length papers on NMR structure determinations or on new methods. 'Accelerated publication' status for articles of outstanding interest may be requested by the authors, or suggested by the referees or the Editors. *Communications* are NMR methodology reports of unusual urgency and significance, and special efforts are made for rapid reviewing and publication; the new maximum size is six printed pages. *Letters to the Editor: New NMR structures* are added to our repertoire for efficient reporting of new, high-quality structure determinations, which may be of particular interest in connection with the emerging research programs in structural genomics. *Letters to the Editor: New NMR assignments* have been very popular, and the successful format used during the past two years is maintained. Finally, distinguished members of our community will occasionally be invited to entertain personal views on the current state and the anticipated future of their area of specialization in a *Perspective*. For further information on the different types of manuscripts considered for publication in *J. Biomol. NMR* we refer to the revised *Instructions for Authors* published in the present issue.

The Editors are confident that the aforementioned update of its scope will further benefit the position of *J. Biomol. NMR* as the leading Journal in its field. We look forward to continued enjoyable and prosperous interactions with our authors and readers.

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