

## EDITORIAL

Since its inception the Journal has served a dual function, publishing edited proceedings articles emanating from conferences within its intended scope, in addition to the more traditional function of publishing articles submitted to an editorial board. These proceedings articles are subjected to the same editorial scrutiny as are regularly submitted articles, and the publication of edited conference proceedings in journal format can contribute to the establishment of a framework of continuity for rapidly evolving areas of experimental research.

Beginning with Volume 3, certain changes in procedure will be instituted to better facilitate the rapid publication of both regularly submitted and conference proceedings articles. First, the proceedings of conferences will no longer be published as a multiple issue. Instead, the proceedings of each conference will be published as a series of single issues which may or may not run consecutively. Articles emanating from different conferences will not appear in any single issue. This will retain the topical continuity of each conference while obviating delays in publication required when all articles emanating from a given conference must be included in the same bound tome. The second new procedure will be the inclusion of both regularly submitted and conference articles within the same journal issue, articles of each class being segregated within the appropriate, clearly designated section of an issue. This new practice will facilitate a more rapid publication of regularly submitted articles. In some instances, it may also make possible the topical correlation of regularly submitted and conference articles.

Volume 3 and a portion of Volume 4 of the Journal will contain, in addition to regularly submitted manuscripts, the proceedings of the 1975 ICN-UCLA Symposium on Energy Transducing Mechanisms, a conference chaired by Paul D. Boyer and Manuel Morales, and the proceedings of the 1975 ICN-UCLA Symposium on Cell Surface Receptors, chaired by Garth Nicolson, Martin Rodbell, and Michael Raftery. Also in Volume 4 and extending into Volume 5 of the Journal will be the edited proceedings of two of the 1976 ICN-UCLA Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology. These are a conference on neurobiology, chaired by Regis Kelly and Zach Hall, and a conference treating supramolecular structure as it relates to the shape of cells and the structure of cellular membranes. This last-mentioned conference has been organized by two members of the Journal editorial board, Jean Paul Revel and Ulf Henning.

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