Editorial

The Journal is a Success



The Journal of Fluorescence was founded in 1991. At that time, we were at the beginning of a growth phase for fluorescence spectroscopy. Instrumentation became more capable and fluorophore chemistry more versatile. The power of fluorescence would soon be applied to the revolution in structural biology and biotechnology. The field of fluorescence

needed a central Journal to be a repository for the rapid advances.

During the past 10 years, fluorescence has been transformed from a methodology practiced in a few spe-

cialized laboratories to one widely practiced in all aspects of biophysics, gene expression, and diagnostics, to name a few. We can be proud of our advances during the past decade.

It is time for the *Journal of Fluorescence* to move to a new energetic editor who can mold the Journal with the rapid advances in biochemical fluorescence. Please join me in wishing Dr. Chris D. Geddes good luck and high productivity in his new role as Editor.

At this time, I would like to thank all members of the past and present Editorial Board and Mary Rosenfeld, whose efforts were critical to the success of the Journal.

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