Editorial

The Editors and Publishers of the *Journal of Fluorine Chemistry* have been concerned recently that intervals between submissions of manuscripts and their publication have been lengthening. This is largely due to increasing numbers of manuscripts. Refereeing of papers goes quickly and efficiently and we take this opportunity of thanking all our Referees for their work.

We wish to bring the publication delay back to normal in as short a period as possible. To try to achieve this we have already published volume 19 which was originally scheduled to cover January—June 1982. In addition the journal's issues will as of now be increased by 40% until a more realistic publication delay is again reached, which is likely to be in late Spring or Summer of this year.

Consequently, the pages allocated for 1982 will be exhausted well before December. The Publishers will therefore start to send the renewal invoices for 1983 in September 1982 taking into account in these the extra pages published.

Some contributors cause extra delays for their papers by failing to comply with the 'Instructions to Authors'. These manuscripts are often submitted for publication but are not suitable for direct reproduction and require extensive changes in layout, reduction of tables and diagrams and even typing corrections. All these points bring about delays in the publication of papers which in turn can detract from the scientific research validity of published results.

We would therefore remind authors that as the *Journal of Fluorine Chemistry* publishes camera ready copy manuscripts, there are simple rules to follow in order to produce a manuscript fit for direct reproduction. Please refer to issue Volume 14 No. 6 (December 1979) pp. 531 ff.

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