

Celebration

The long-awaited appearance of the Journal of Industrial Microbiology is now a reality. The inception of this new publication attests not only to the continuing growth and vitality of the Society for Industrial Microbiology as a scientific organization but also to its dedication to the highest standards of excellence.

The impact of a new scientific journal is always difficult to measure or even predict. However, it is certain that the new Journal will increase measurably the Society's visibility nationally and internationally. As more scientists in different areas of microbial biotechnology and industrial microbiology become aware of the Society and its activities, an increasing number of authors will select the Journal as their primary forum for publishing research data. Thus, the new Journal becomes an attractive instrument in assuring progress and growth in the next decade, and constitutes a window of unprecedented opportunities for our Society.

We are grateful to former President C. Herb Ward (1983–1984) for recognizing the need and presenting the concept for a new technical publication to the Society. Also, to the scores of people who have committed themselves to develop the details necessary for the planning and materialization of this product. This long, intricate and demanding process required unselfish dedication and a lot of hard work by many of our fellow members. They deserve our gratitude.

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