

The present issue (Volume 13, Number 1), January 1972, marks the start of the thirteenth full year of publication of the *Journal of Lipid Research*, and the second year of the Journal's association with the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology. On the occasion of the first anniversary of the affiliation with FASEB I thought it would be appropriate to review some of the Journal's activities in 1971 and to discuss a few changes that will be evident in the current issue.

During 1971 we published 105 papers (including 18 notes on methodology) and one review article. There were 210 different investigators who were authors and coauthors of manuscripts, and it is of interest to point out that 135 of these authors were new to the Journal. Approximately 20% of the papers were from foreign countries, including Canada, Great Britain, Sweden, Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, Israel, and Venezuela.

Starting with Volume 12, one year ago, the format of the bibliographic references was changed to include the complete title of the paper in the reference as well as the inclusive pages. One can cite many advantages for these additions to the references to compensate for the additional effort required to assemble them. For example, inclusion of the title of a cited article may indicate whether or not the point being documented is the main subject of the article. The titles in a list of references may also aid the reader in deciding what other articles may be important to him. Inclusive pagination often enables readers to distinguish a definitive article from an ab-

stract or preliminary publication, and it is sometimes necessary for requesting an article through interlibrary loan.

With this first issue of Volume 13 I would like to call attention to a few additional changes. Perhaps the most noticeable is the boldface print on the title page, in the headings, in the tables, and in the running footlines at the bottom of each page. We believe that these changes add more "life" to the printed page and that they will enable readers to focus attention more readily on sections of particular interest to them. There are also changes with regard to footnotes to the tables. The symbols used heretofore have been replaced by lowercase italicized letters. This change should be most welcome to authors. We are now in the process of preparing new Instructions for Authors, and the revised suggestions will appear in a future issue. At this time we are also considering the use of new paper and cover stock for the Journal, and appropriate changes will be made if they are economically feasible.

Finally, the Journal has adopted the system of nomenclature of isotopic compounds recommended by the Commission of Editors of Biochemical Journals. This system is already in widespread use, and detailed examples will be found on page 151 of this issue. The Editors believe that the adoption of this standardized nomenclature will provide greater consistency and clarity in scientific publications.

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