



Editorial

Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to highlight a number of changes we have recently implemented or plan to introduce in *Journal of Magnetic Resonance*. We are focusing our attention on three principal areas: (i) improving the quality of the papers published in the journal, (ii) decreasing the time between submission and online publication, and (iii) increasing our interactions with the magnetic resonance community.

We believe that there is a continuous level of improvement in the quality of manuscripts submitted for publication in JMR and that this has been accompanied by increased expectations on the part of our reviewers and editors. The cumulative effect of this is striking.

Accepted articles are currently being published online within four months of submission. This too results from continuous incremental improvements in processing and reviewing manuscripts. To reduce this time still further, Elsevier is about to announce more rewards for the rapid turnaround of reviews for this journal.

The distribution of a prestigious set of *Advances in Magnetic Resonance* reprints during this years ENC meeting is the first step in our ambitious plans to more clearly reflect the activities of the magnetic resonance community. The AMR series has a storied history from its founding by John Waugh and continuation by

Warren Warren. It has been integrated with the *Journal of Magnetic Resonance* for a few years to take advantage of the reviewing and online infrastructure. We are broadening the scope of the AMR series by inviting articles in association with the most prestigious awards and events in the magnetic resonance community. The first of these is an article by Lewis Kay based on his address at the 2004 Experimental NMR Conference on the occasion of his receiving the Laukien Award. We are especially pleased that Richard Ernst agreed to write a prefatory article based on his introduction of the award recipient at the Conference.

We look forward to publishing more special articles and reviews, and welcome your suggestions.

On behalf of the *Journal of Magnetic Resonance* and Elsevier, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the magnetic resonance community for their success in research over the years and thank them for their participation as authors, reviewers, editors, and readers of our journal.

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