

Editorial 2001

The time has come once more to sum up the developments in the *Journal of Molecular Modeling* in the past year. At the beginning of the year, Isabelle Bundesmann took over as full time editorial assistant and has since contributed as great deal to the smooth running of the editorial process. Axel Hiller and Daniel Barthel have also performed sterling work on the technical evaluation and processing of manuscripts. Our flow of manuscripts and the frequency with which articles from the journal are cited are both increasing steadily, so that we can look back on another successful year. At the beginning of the year we reorganized the production process by integrating the journal more closely into the Springer mainstream in Heidelberg. This inevitably resulted in some publication delays at the beginning of the year, but we are now publishing more papers than ever.

An important development at the beginning of 2002 will be that Peter Politzer and Anne-Marie Sapse will join Eiji Osawa as regional editors of the journal. From January 1st US-authors will be able to submit their manuscripts directly to either Peter or Anne-Marie. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them both on board.

An even more important change will take place on January 1st 2003. The *Journal of Molecular Modeling* will be published as a hardcopy version in addition to our usual electronic format. This makes the journal the first (to my knowledge) electronic journal that has made the transition to the traditional print medium. The printed edition will be published six times in 2003 and will of course contain full color illustrations. It should be a significant enhancement of the value of the journal and we are all looking forward to this major change. It is remarkable that, in these days of decreasing library budgets, the *Journal of Molecular Modeling* has established itself well enough in only seven years that it can now be published in hardcopy.

Finally, as always, a thanks to our authors, our community of referees, who make the journal possible, and our readers. The *Journal of Molecular Modeling* is still our “baby” here in Erlangen and I hope that our authors, readers and our patient and tolerant referees all feel a little of the same affection.

Tim Clark

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