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2002 was another important year for the Journal of Molecular Modeling. As far as I know, we are the first chemistry journal to make the transition from a purely electronic format to hardcopy. The Journal of Molecular Modeling will be available with its first issue of 2003 as a classical printed edition in full color. In a way, this change is a little disappointing as our format is now very similar to the many journals that have moved to online publication prior to hardcopy, and so we have lost our special position among chemistry journals. On the other hand, the change underlines the success of the Journal and the progress that we have made over the years. In the last few months, we have experienced a flood of submitted papers that will assure our new hardcopy journal a successful start. We in the editorial offices will continue

to encourage a broad coverage of modeling techniques, from pure theory to pure applications, from cheminformatics to quantum chemistry and from life sciences to materials. Another goal in 2003 is to improve our worldwide coverage using our regional editors Peter Politzer and Anne-Marie Sapse in the USA and Eiji Osawa in Japan.

I wish you thought-provoking and productive reading throughout 2003 and invite you to continue to submit your papers for publication in our journal directly to me or the regional editors. The change from a purely electronic online journal into a journal in print and hardcopy format will not effect our publication speed: The Journal of Molecular Modeling will continue to publish all articles within very short publication times.

Last but not least, I welcome all new subscribers to the print edition and hope that they enjoy the fast publication via the Online First service of Springer-Verlag as well as the publisher's alerting service (both free of charge to all subscribers).

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