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## *Editorial*

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### **A New Beginning Based on a Proud Tradition**

Beginning with the January issue of volume 59, the *Journal of Natural Products* will be copublished by the American Chemical Society and the American Society of Pharmacognosy. This publication first appeared in 1938 as *Lloydia*, a quarterly journal of biological science dealing predominantly with the morphological and microscopic description of plants and fungi, published by the Lloyd Library of Natural History (now the Lloyd Library and Museum), Cincinnati, Ohio. The journal became the official scientific organ of the American Society of Pharmacognosy in 1961. Over the years, the journal has changed to a monthly publication, containing scientific subject matter more chemically based, and it became known by its present title in 1978. The present joint venture involving the two scientific societies represents the beginning of a new chapter in the development of an already highly regarded journal. It is intended, therefore, that this arrangement will lead to a wider dissemination than in the past of information on the chemistry and biology of natural products of animal, microbial, marine, and plant origin, in the most expedient manner possible.

The organization of the journal will be slightly modified in the future, with more prominence given to Rapid Communications, which will now be scheduled to appear first in an issue. It is intended that Rapid Communications should appear in the journal three months after receipt, so authors are encouraged to submit their best natural products work for consideration in this category. The other categories will be Full Papers, Notes, Reviews, and Book Reviews, and the manuscript stylistic requirements for each are outlined in the Notice to Contributors provided with this issue. Authors are also requested to read the Ethical Guidelines to Publication of Chemical Research, describing the ethical obligations of manuscript editors, authors, and reviewers, which are included in this issue.

It is hoped that readers will find this new format of the journal appealing. However, the Editors or the members of the Editorial Advisory Board welcome any suggestions for improvement.

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