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Editorial

Changes for Volume 68

I am pleased to announce several significant improvements in the operation of the *Journal of Natural Products*. Beginning with this volume, and in response to outside suggestions received, the titles of papers listed in our Web edition will include a graphical Table of Contents, to assist readers in assimilating the scientific content of each article. We have chosen not to extend this facility to our print edition, to conserve valuable journal space for the scientific coverage. We are exceptionally pleased that the American Chemical Society Journal Archives has recently been expanded to include our Volumes 42–58, which appeared from 1979 to 1995 inclusive. As a result, all of the papers of this journal under the title *Journal of Natural Products* are now available electronically, and this should assist greatly with their access and retrieval. (Prior to 1979 this journal was published under the title *Lloydia*.) The Web page of the journal (<http://pubs.acs.org/journals/jnprdf/index.html>) is being improved continually, and readers are referred to the “What’s New” section for announcements of features of current interest. For example, free access is provided to the past winners of the Arthur E. Schwarting and Jack L. Beal Awards for best papers in the journal, which were instituted in 2001. Two outstanding papers were chosen for these honors in 2003, with the coauthors of the paper chosen for the Schwarting Award (open to all authors) being Richard W. Fitch, H. Martin Garraffo, Thomas F. Spande, Herman J. C. Yeh, and John W. Daly (*J. Nat. Prod.* **2003**, *66*, 1345–1350). The coauthors of the Beal Award contribution (submitted by a younger investigator) are Nigel G. Veitch, Polly S. E. Sutton, Geoffrey A. Kite, and Helen E. Ireland (*J. Nat. Prod.* **2003**, *66*, 210–216).

The new cover illustration to be featured in the January through June 2005 issues shows an endophytic fungus found in the Australian boab tree that produces the anti-fungal agent ambiguc acid. This motif was kindly provided by Dr. Gary Strobel, of the Department of Plant Science, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana. Readers may wish to access the detailed review of the types of natural products biosynthesized from endophytic organisms coauthored by Dr. Strobel and his colleagues, appearing in a recent issue of the journal (*J. Nat. Prod.* **2004**, *67*, 257–268). For the July–December 2005 issues, Dr. Norman G. Lewis, of the Institute of Biological Chemistry, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington, will provide a photograph showing a secondary metabolite from the flax plant, *Linum usitatissimum*.

Beginning in 2005, Drs. Alice M. Clark and Daneel Ferreira of the University of Mississippi will switch their editorial roles on behalf of the journal, with Dr. Ferreira becoming Associate Editor and Dr. Clark Assistant Editor. We are very grateful to them for their continuing dedication to the journal.

Finally, with effect from Volume 68, we are pleased to announce that page charges will no longer be applied to papers published in the *Journal of Natural Products*.

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