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## *Editorial*

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### Changes for Volume 72

As of November 2008, Dr. Philip J. Proteau, Oregon State University, has taken over the position of Associate Editor for the papers on marine natural products chemistry submitted to the *Journal of Natural Products*. We welcome Dr. Proteau to his new position! On behalf of all of our readers, I would like to thank the previous marine Associate Editor, Dr. William H. Gerwick, of the University of California at San Diego, for doing an outstanding editorial job for the journal during the period 2002–2008.

In March 2009, we will again once honor a senior member of the natural products community via a special issue of the journal. The honoree will be Dr. David G. I. Kingston, of Virginia Tech, who served the journal for 15 years as Associate Editor (1984–1998) and for 23 years as Book Review Editor (1979–2002). The first of two journal cover illustrations in 2009 shows a plant studied by Dr. Kingston's group as part of their work in Madagascar for an International Cooperative Biodiversity Group (ICBG) project. We have previously included a cover illustration featuring Dr. Kingston's research on the structural modification of the plant-derived anticancer agent paclitaxel (July–December 2000). For the remaining months of 2009 (July–December), our cover illustration will feature the work of Dr. Murray H. G. Munro, of the University of Canterbury in New Zealand.

During mid-November 2007, the journal transitioned to a new Web page, with enhancements compared with the previous version. Among these, at any one time, five recently published articles are highlighted on a rotating basis. The Editors of the *Journal of Natural Products* have been pleased with the quality and ingenuity evident in the graphical Table of Contents published now for several years with each article. Authors who produce especially interesting graphical Table of Contents motifs will have the added benefit of seeing their work featured in this prominent manner on our Web page (<http://pubs.acs.org/journals/jnprdf/index.html>).

For 2009, we have changed our "Guidelines for Authors" in two important respects. First, all authors reporting new compounds should include supporting NMR spectroscopic data as Supporting Information. Previously, this has been done on a voluntary basis, although highly recommended by our Editors. Second, authors are asked to be more cognizant of the need for well-prepared chemical structures, and additional suggestions for drawing structures have now been provided. Once again, authors need to very carefully scrutinize all artwork for conformation with the journal style before manuscript submission.

Now a well-established feature of the *Journal of Natural Products*, the Arthur E. Schwarting and Jack L. Beal Awards were introduced in 2001 for the best papers in the journal and are named after two of our former Editors. In 2007, the coauthors of the winning paper selected for the Schwarting Award (open to all authors) were A. Norrie Pearce, Elizabeth W. Chia, Michael V. Berridge, George R. Clark, Jacquie L. Harper, Leslie Larsen, Elisabeth W. Maas, Michael J. Page, Nigel B. Perry, Victoria L. Webb, and Brent R. Copp (*J. Nat. Prod.* **2007**, *70*, 936–940); those for the Beal Award (contribution submitted by a younger investigator as corresponding author) were Aaron T. Dossey, Spencer S. Walse, Oskar V. Conle, and Arthur S. Edison (*J. Nat. Prod.* **2007**, *70*, 1335–1338). Full versions of these papers and those of all past winners of the Schwarting and Beal Awards may be readily accessed on the journal Web page.

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