

Editorial

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

This issue marks the first anniversary of the *Journal of Peptide Science*. In retrospect we have had a good beginning with a remarkable record of continuing success. We were able to publish a broad range of manuscripts covering many aspects of peptide science thus demonstrating the true characteristics of our field namely interdisciplinarity. The success was in part due to the launch issue published ahead in September 1994 and distributed during the 23rd European Peptide Symposium. This allowed us to invite a large number of authors to submit papers at an early stage and thus gain some stock of manuscripts from which to select contributions of considerable standard.

Although the influx of manuscripts has been satisfactory throughout the last year it was uneven at times, and I hope that more colleagues will consider our Journal as a forum for their important contributions. In other words, I ask our members and all colleagues from abroad to have sufficient confidence in the future of the Journal which, I should like to emphasize, is an official publication of the European Peptide Society. All editors and advisors as well as the staff of our publisher will continue to do their best to maintain a high standard and thus honour the confidence of all future authors.

In this year the format of the Journal will remain essentially the same. We have slightly increased the

number of pages and will continue to publish six bi-monthly issues. This may create a problem sometimes, when an important contribution requiring rapid publication cannot be published as fast as desirable. We shall however give such publications preferential treatment in terms of time, and authors who feel that their paper should be published rapidly may request this in their covering letter. Of course it remains an editorial decision whether the request will be honoured.

This issue is dedicated to the Emeritus Chairman of the European Peptide Society, Dr. Geoffrey T. Young, who has recently celebrated his 80th birthday. I should like to quote our present chairman, Dietrich Brandenburg, who has written in the last issue of the Society's Newsletter *inter alia*: "From the earliest days of the European Peptide Symposia, through to the inauguration of the European Peptide Society he (G. T. Young) has been a pillar of wisdom and strength. It is a great pleasure to offer Geoffrey sincere greetings and best wishes on behalf of the whole Society". I may add that Dr. Young with his wisdom also played an important role during the initiation of our Journal and in particular during the phases of necessary legal work. All editors are indebted to Geoffrey Young and congratulate him and wish him many good and healthy days in the future.

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