

## Editorial

As Conrad Schneider has announced in his Editorial as outgoing Editor-in-Chief, the Society has appointed me to succeed him.

I must begin with the pleasant duty of acknowledging his achievement, and thanking him on behalf of the Society for his sterling work in seeing the Journal through its conception, gestation and infancy so successfully. I am very glad to be able to say that he has kindly agreed to continue his association with the Journal, and give us the benefit of his advice and experience, by joining the Editorial Advisory Board.

There are also a number of other reinforcements of the Board. The new Chairman of the Society – Raniero Rocchi – joins as a matter of course, replacing the outgoing Chairman, Dietrich Brandenburg. The Chairmen-designate of the next two European Peptide Symposia (Jean Martinez, EPS-26, 2000; Ettore Benedetti, EPS-27, 2002) have been recruited, and the geographical representation among the Advisors is extended by the appointment of John Wade (Australia), Vir Chauhan (India), Dirk Tourwé (Belgium) and Yasutsugu Shimonishi (President of the Japanese Peptide Society).

Hans-Dieter Jakubke and Kenneth Kopple have stepped down from the Board. We are sorry to lose them, but gentle turnover of membership will in any case be the pattern of things in future, to maintain vigour.

My task now, one which I relish, is to consolidate and develop Conrad's work. The ethos (see the Aims and Scope statement which is printed elsewhere in this issue) of the Journal will not change, but it is our plan to quicken the pace somewhat, and to that end it will from now on be a regular monthly publication. It is also the intention to build up the identification of the Journal with the other activities of the Society, in particular the biennial European Peptide Symposia, and some of the elements of the 6-monthly Newsletter (which I also edit) may in future be given more immediate currency in the Journal.

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