

Editorial

Dr John Jones will retire as Editor-in-Chief at the end of 2007. For 9 years he has been at the helm of the *Journal of Peptide Science*. Over these years, John has been involved with the growth of the journal in both quality and size, and has developed it to become the major player in the league of peptide journals as it is today. I would like to thank John for all the work and energy that he has put into the development of this journal and wish him all the best for the future.

It is my pleasure to announce the new Editor-in-Chief, Professor Luis Moroder from the Max-Planck-Institute for Biochemistry in Martinsried (Munich), Germany. The European Peptide Society (EPS) had officially nominated Luis, and he has accepted the posting. He will take office from 1st January 2008 and will gradually introduce changes in some of the features of the journal.

The EPS website (www.europepsoc.com) and the EPS Newsletter will publish interviews with the old and new Editors-in-Chief. Look out for these features; they will give you some interesting background information.

The Editors in conjunction with the Publisher felt that it was time to change the look and style of the *Journal of Peptide Science* to better reflect the dynamism of our community. We are proud to announce that these changes will come into effect between 2008 and 2009. Whether you are an author or a reader of the *Journal of Peptide Science*, we hope you will benefit from the improvements that we have made. We will keep you updated on the new developments. Here is some information concerning some of the changes:

NEW JOURNAL COVER AND BRANDING

The cover was redesigned in the style of the molecular sciences journals published by the Chichester branch of John Wiley & Sons, but it kept some of the key elements of the previous design.

The white space will allow the announcement of special issues, reviews, important conferences or changes to the journal and help to make the print edition more timely and attractive.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

From 2009, the table of content will be presented in a graphical form. Instead of the traditional title, author and pagination information, the Graphical Table of Contents (GTOC) will contain a graphical and a shortened abstract allowing for a detailed penetration of the article from the contents list. Authors are advised to consult the Notes for Authors for new rules on submitting material for the GTOC. With immediate effect, authors are requested to supply the short abstract and a suitable and characteristic illustration for the graphical abstract.

NEW ARTICLE DESIGN

Also starting from 2009, the range of articles that feature in the *Journal of Peptide Science* will be complimented by a colour-coded system online, making for a more attractive and logical user experience.

REFERENCE STYLE AND CHEMICAL STRUCTURES

In order to make it easier for authors, we have aligned both the reference style and the chemical structure style, enabling authors to benefit from the EndNotes referencing and the ChemDraw graphic templates. Authors are advised to consult the Notes for Authors for further details pertaining to these products and start, with immediate effect, to prepare manuscripts in the new style given by the Notes for Contributors.

The Publisher and the Editors hope that this redesign will make the *Journal of Peptide Science* more attractive to you irrespective of whether you are a reader of the printed or online version or an author. With the new Editor-in-Chief, we will work on these developments, so be on the look out for more innovation.

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