

Editorial

Making the Journal of Peptide Science more attractive for readers and authors

I took over the Journal of Peptide Science from John Jones in January 2008. The first 5 months gave me ample time to get accustomed to journal processes and I found time to discuss the future development of this Journal with colleagues from the Editorial and the Advisory Board. Based on these discussions I am pleased to announce a few changes, which should help the Journal to get even better and more attractive for authors and readers.

At the end of 2007, Prof. Günter Jung retired as Editor after having served for 13 years. I would like to thank him for all the work and enthusiasm he has invested in the development of our Journal right from the first day of its existence. I have also the pleasure of announcing the successor for the vacant position. With immediate effect, Prof. Michael Bienert from the Leibniz Institute of Molecular Pharmacology in Berlin, Germany, will take over as Editor. With him, Ernest Giralt, John Wade, Paolo Rovero, Yoshiaki Kiso and Michael Chorev I will have an experienced Editorial Board, which will guarantee professional and quality processing of all submissions to the Journal.

I would also like to use this occasion to announce a few technical changes. In order to enable these changes we have updated the Author Guidelines. Before you submit your next manuscript to the Journal of Peptide Science, please make sure that you have studied the new Guidelines.

A NEW TYPE OF ARTICLE: PEPTIDE PROTOCOLS

In addition to our standard reviews we intend to publish a series of Peptide Protocols. These should help students and researchers make the best use of tested procedures. This type of article will be on request only, but if you have suggestions for suitable protocols, please contact the Editor-in-Chief or one of the members of the Editorial Board.

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

We have noticed that we are receiving a growing number of submissions with huge sets of data. In order to keep the full articles to reasonable lengths, we suggest that you re-examine and make better use of the possibility of

adding Supplementary Material to all submissions. You need to simply use the function in Manuscript Central and submit together with the manuscript for the article, all files containing Supplementary Material.

GRAPHICAL TABLE OF CONTENTS

From 2009, the Table of Contents will be presented in graphical form. Rather than the traditional title, author and pagination information the Graphical Table of Contents (GTOC) will contain a graphic and a shortened abstract allowing for a detailed penetration of the article from the contents list. Authors are advised to consult the Author Guidelines for the new rules on submitting the GTOC. The submission of material for the GTOC becomes compulsory with immediate effect.

NEW ARTICLE DESIGN

The range of articles that feature in the *Journal of Peptide Science* will be complimented by a colour-coded system making for a more attractive and logical user experience. The articles have been restructured to enable readers to locate and extract content in the most expedient manner. When designing the new layout, special attention was given to optimise the result of printing done from downloaded PDF files.

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 existing EndNotes referencing and ChemDraw graphic templates. Authors are advised to consult the Notes for Authors for further details pertaining to these products.

The Editors and the Publisher hope that this redesign will make the *Journal of Peptide Science* more attractive to you, whether you are a reader of the printed or online version, or an author, and we would like to thank you for your continued support.

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