

Editorial

The publication of this issue marks another important step in the development of the Journal which, as readers will be aware, will henceforth appear bi-monthly. An increase of approximately 50% in the number of papers that can be published each year is an exciting prospect, not least because the number of papers submitted to the Editors is indeed increasing at about that rate. More frequent publication may allow a further shortening of the time period between submission and publication, and it will facilitate the production of some important Special Issues without undue disruption of the publication of research papers submitted in the normal way. Several further Special Issues are indeed planned. Apart from Conference Proceedings, there will be an issue on Non-Isotopic Immunoassays later in 1985, and an issue on Analysis in Non-Human Sports has been tentatively proposed for 1987 (which is not so very far away now!).

The many papers being submitted for Special and normal issues of the Journal have encouraged the Editors-in-Chief to suggest a new system for the handling of contributions. In future, the Reviews, Analytical Surveys and Book Reviews will be handled by Professor Miller and should be submitted to Loughborough, while Research Papers, Short Communications and Letters to the Editor should be submitted to Dr Fell in Edinburgh. The only exceptions to this system will be in the case of Special Issues — for example, any further contributions to the Non-Isotopic Immunoassay issue should be submitted (as soon as possible) to Professor Miller. These arrangements will henceforth be incorporated in the "Instructions for Authors" and it is hoped that authors considering a submission will adopt the new system at once.

Accompanying the increasing number (and continuing high standard) of the submitted research papers is a pleasing and steady increase in the number of the Journal's subscribers, both institutional and individual. In particular, a number of organizations in the United Kingdom, Europe and Asia have taken advantage of the special subscription rate available to members of appropriate scientific societies and interest groups. This concession, which represents a discount of about 60% on the full subscription rate, must be separately negotiated between the officers of the society concerned and the Journal's publishers. Interested bodies are invited to write to Mr P.A. Henn, Senior Publishing Manager, Physical Sciences, at the Pergamon Oxford office.

The Editors-in-Chief thus begin their 1985 labours encouraged that scientific and subscription support for the Journal are both increasing, and pleased by the many favourable comments on the Journal's layout and appearance. For the latter, of course, authors and Editors alike are indebted to the expert and enthusiastic support of the staff of the publisher and the printers. Our thanks to them as the Journal enters another phase of its development.

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