



## Publisher's note

Richard P. Wayne has been Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Photochemistry* from its inception, in 1972. A joint brainchild of Elsevier and himself, the Journal has developed under Richard's supervision to what it has become today: the *Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology A: Chemistry (JPPA)*.

The Journal is enormously indebted to Richard who, along with John Coyle and Norman Allen, has nurtured the Journal so well. From my own experience of working with him, I know Richard as a person who has strong passion for everything he does. When it comes to the Journal, he treats it as if it was one of his children: caring, developing, and guarding it; all with the altruistic intention bringing forward the science of photochemistry through JPPA. He has fully succeeded.

There comes a time when a child and those who raised it part. Richard Wayne, and his Associate Editors, John Coyle and Norman Allen, will retire on 1 July, and with them, the UK editorial office in Oxford will close. JPPA is able to reap the benefits of modern publishing possibilities, and to turn them into opportunities to grow even more, towards directions, that its parents would not have thought of when the Journal first saw light.

It is my pleasure to welcome Professor **Monique Martin** the new Regional Editor for Europe, replacing the Oxford office of Richard Wayne and Associate Editors. Based at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris, Monique will commence her duties as of 1 July. From that date onwards, new manuscript submissions can be directed to her; see below for details.

We are also pleased to welcome Professor **Kazuhito Hashimoto** from Tokyo University as Associate Editor of the journal, who will support Professor Hiroshi Masuhara, Regional Editor for Asia with handling of the increasing number of submissions from this part of the world.

You can read more about Monique and Kazuhito, and the amended scope and direction of the Journal, in a forthcoming Editorial.

As of 1 July 2004 authors should send their new submissions to one of the three Editors, preferably via our web-submission site at the following URL:  
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With the new team of Regional Editors we are confident that we can cater for the further development of the Journal into the fields that border photochemistry: biomedical and environmental sciences, bio-engineering; nanotechnology, femtochemistry and -biology.

Under Richard's supervision, the Journal has grown from the initial 1 annual volume to 3 in the early 1980s to the present 7 today containing over 2,000 pages: over 5 times more papers than in its first year. From Editorials written in the first 15 years of the Journal, it is obvious that Richard, and later John and Norman have always envisaged this Journal to be "*the Journal of Photochemistry*". The Journal certainly managed to bring together papers on

photochemistry that before had been “rather diluted amongst the general physical chemistry literature”. Where and when appropriate, the Journal's scope was broadened to include topics beyond the initial science of the absorption of light by atoms and small molecules, and their excited states. Alongside the development of research on larger organic compounds, new instrumentation, techniques and applications in photochemistry, the field of photobiology was born. In 1987, the Journal was renamed the “*Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology*”, and split up in two: part A for Chemistry, and B for Biology. Further growth made it necessary to establish offices in (North) America and in Asia. In 2001, a part C: *Photochemistry Reviews*, specially dedicated to review articles was launched, in association with the Japanese Photochemistry Association. This completed the present cluster of photoscience journals: JPPA, JPPB and JPPC.

The past decade has not only brought advances in science, but the publishing of scientific journals has developed drastically too. Journals are and have to be flexible to meet the publication standards such as quality and speed, and to foster developments in science and support these. As a result, the *Journal of Photochemistry* as it was started in 1972, no longer exists. Instead, you are reading a larger, faster, bigger and more widely read *Journal of*

*Photochemistry and Photobiology A: Chemistry*. The Journal is the biggest journal in its field, and because of advances in electronic technology is currently read by scientists at thousands of institutes worldwide via the ScienceDirect platform.

Richard cannot be honoured enough for his work as Editor-in-Chief; mentioning him as Founding Editor on the journal cover is only one way. On behalf of Elsevier I would like to thank him enormously for his role, from bringing our Journal to life in 1972, until today. Thank you, Richard!

With the closure of the Oxford-based UK editorial office, I also wish to thank Norman Allen and John Coyle for their many years of contributions to the running and development of the *Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology A: Chemistry*.

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