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## Editorial

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We announced 3 years ago that the *Journal of Photochemistry* had broadened its base of contributors sufficiently to warrant the appointment of an Associate Editor who would deal largely with material relating to the photochemistry of "large" molecules (large, that is, by comparison with the atoms and small molecules studied by the physical and theoretical photochemists who formed the majority of authors in the early volumes of the Journal). This part of the Journal has continued to show steady growth, and we hope that further broadening will take place, particularly in the area of qualitative organic photochemistry.

Our most recent expansion, however, comes in a different subject area. This issue of the *Journal of Photochemistry* sees the inclusion of four papers concerned with various aspects of the photochemistry of synthetic and biological macromolecules. It is our intention that such material should become a regular feature of the Journal, which will thus incorporate that area of study that can be broadly described as "Applied Photochemistry". The name is intended to cover aspects of photochemistry that relate directly to industrial and commercial applications. The Journal has carried a few papers of this nature in the past, but their proportion will now increase. In the first instance it is likely that many of the papers in the new area will describe studies involving polymers in one way or another (photoinitiation of polymerization, photo-cross-linking, photodegradation or photo-stabilization of polymers, for example), although we wish also to encourage contributions from other applied fields such as photohalogenation, chemical aspects of photography, the design of photoreactors and so on.

A further Associate Editor has been appointed to take primary responsibility for the new field. We have been fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Norman Allen, of Manchester, for this post. Dr. Allen is at present Editor of the journal *Polymer Photochemistry*, but that journal will cease publication at the end of 1986, so that we shall be glad both of Dr. Allen's expertise and, we hope, of the loyalty of some of his former contributors. New members with interests in Applied Photochemistry have also been invited to join our Editorial Board.

We believe that the expansion of the scope of the Journal represents yet another important step in implementing the policy we set out for our readers in 1983. That is, to provide a useful publication medium that serves the needs of as wide a cross-section as possible of those scientists who would accept the title of photochemist. We look forward to receiving excellent manuscripts in all branches of photochemistry.

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