

## EDITORIAL

### **New Feature in *The Journal of Physical Chemistry A/B***

Dear Authors, Reviewers, and Readers,

I wish all of you a Happy New Year. I also wish to thank you for your continued support of your journal, *The Journal of Physical Chemistry*.

A great number of changes have taken place since my last Editorial. The Journal continues to grow in quality, in the number of manuscripts received, and in the number of annual citations. In 1990, 2090 manuscripts were received. In 2002, this number increased to 5062, an increase of 140%. The coverage of the Journal is broad and includes a large fraction of the active research in Physical Chemistry at present.

Electronic publishing is now a reality. A good fraction of our manuscripts are now submitted and reviewed electronically, and the fraction is increasing. Color graphics are published free of charge if needed for the presentation. We also accept artwork to be placed on the cover if it is aesthetically pleasing and represents new Physical Chemistry. A 13-word caption that clearly describes the excitement of the new science must be submitted with the proposed artwork.

We are adding a new feature to JPC. Review Articles of new active fields will be published, one for each issue at most. The difference between Feature Articles and the new Review Articles is that the Feature Articles contain a short overview of the field and a long discussion of the new contributions of the authors(s). The Review Articles will be complete and critical reviews of active research fields. Authors interested in writing either type of article can send me a two-page proposal showing the importance of the area proposed and the need for the article in this field.

Finally, I would like to thank our Senior Editors and their staff as well as the American Chemical Society publication staff, who are working hard under the pressures of the journal expansion with patience and continued dedication.

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