

## Editorial

### Changes Coming in *JPGR*

Drawing close to the end of its first decade of existence, the *Journal of Plant Growth Regulation* is undergoing changes that are reflective of its growth. We would like to share these with our readers and contributors.

First, *JPGR* has been expanded to approximately 80 pages per issue in 1989. This increase will accommodate two additional regular-length papers per issue. In 1990 the format will be changed to a larger ( $8\frac{1}{4} \times 11$  inch) size, which will provide a further 20% increase in editorial space. At the same time the cover will be redesigned.

Second, we wish to encourage submission of more manuscripts on topics in plant molecular biology. There is keen competition, of course, among many journals for such papers; however, it is believed that *JPGR* can secure a reasonable share. The Editorial Board will be expanded to better serve contributors in this area. There are advantages to submitting manuscripts to *JPGR*—in plant molecular biology and other areas as well: (a) it is not necessary to be a member of either sponsoring organization (IPGSA or PGRSA) to publish in *JPGR*; (b) there are no page charges for *JPGR*; (c) publication of regular papers requires, on the average, about 9 months, with some papers being published in much less time. By encouraging more papers in plant molecular biology, there will not be a departure from the long-standing practice of publishing papers of all natures, basic and applied, concerning research on natural and synthetic plant growth regulators. The *Journal* is not changing its editorial direction and focus, but rather expanding and diversifying its scope to encompass the interests of a continuously growing audience.

Third, it is hoped that a substantial increase can occur in the number of short communications submitted for publication in *JPGR*, and that a new policy of publishing mini-reviews will be successful. To expedite publication of short communications, henceforth they will be published in the order of receipt, and will not, therefore, be competing with regular papers for date of publication. In this way, short communications can be published in 4-5 months. Mini-reviews will be treated like regular papers.

Fourth, in the future some issues will include papers of unusual nature, such as histories, major addresses at meetings and symposia, summaries of workshops, and others. Authors are encouraged to discuss ideas for these kinds of papers with the Editor or an Associate Editor before submitting the actual manuscripts.

Fifth, the number of announcements, news, and notes of interest to readers will be increased as space allows.

It is believed that these changes will improve *JPGR*, and that the *Journal* will continue to grow and develop as a major journal in the plant sciences.

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