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Editorial

As an introduction to the first issue of the JOURNAL OF CARBOHYDRATE CHEMISTRY I thought it might be of interest to you, the reader, to learn how the journal got started. In early 1981 Maurits Dekker, of Marcel Dekker, Inc., called me and asked me if I would consider editing a new carbohydrate journal, the nature of which was to be determined. Admittedly, it was an interesting offer, but one that raised a number of difficult questions. What needs would the journal fill? What subject matter should the journal cover? How often should it be published?

Early on I realized that if a new journal was to be started it could not satisfactorily cover the entire research domain of carbohydrates, but must focus on a limited but highly significant area of the field. After a number of conversations with other carbohydrate chemists, I formulated the aims and scope of the journal, as described on the inside cover. Essentially, the journal will emphasize the organic chemistry of carbohydrates, excluding polysaccharides, in the context of synthetic, mechanistic, and spectroscopic studies, and to some extent, chromatographic studies. Three issues of the journal will be published in 1982, and six issues a year thereafter. Manuscripts that have been properly refereed and put in their final form will be photographed for publication. This type of format is designed to minimize the time required for publication of accepted manuscripts and keep journal costs reasonable.

As Editor, I am very grateful to David Baker, Roger Binkley, Gerard Descotes, Akira Hasegawa, and Joachim Thiem for taking on the duties of Regional Editors. It is also gratifying that the concept of the journal as outlined has been so well received. This is reflected in the outstanding membership of the Editorial Board. Most of my correspondence concerned with the journal this year was done during my leave at the A. E. Staley Manufacturing Company. I thank the Company for their support during this period. I also extend my thanks to those authors who worked so hard preparing manuscripts for the first issue.

I and all those associated with the *JOURNAL OF CARBOHYDRATE CHEMISTRY* welcome your comments and suggestions for improving the journal. It is our sincere hope that you will enjoy reading the journal and that it will benefit you in your research endeavors.

Donald E. Kiely
Editor