

Editorial

With this issue, the Society for Industrial Microbiology begins publication of the *Journal of Industrial Microbiology*. However, the *Journal of Industrial Microbiology* is more than a new publication; it represents a conscious effort by the Society to meet the increased needs for an expanded forum for those professionally oriented people involved and interested in industrial microbiology. Presenting an expanded forum, the Journal will not be a replacement for but will serve as a companion to *Developments in Industrial Microbiology*.

It would be remiss of me, as we inaugurate this new Journal, if I did not acknowledge the debt owed to our predecessors within the Society. As the most deserving and as the most visible in their tireless devotion to the Society's publications, I would therefore like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of Leland Underkoffler, Morris Rogers and the late Margaret Chambers. In thanking these three individuals, I also acknowledge the efforts of all of the others to whom thanks are justly due.

It is appropriate at this time also to acknowledge the efforts of those who aided in making the Journal a reality. Specifically, our two most immediate former Presidents, C. Herb Ward and Claude H. Nash III, were instrumental in initiating and fostering the concept of a journal and most importantly in providing an environment where the Membership of the Society could voice their opinions.

At this juncture in the Journal's career, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those authors who have considered the *Journal of Industrial Microbiology* as a vehicle for their publications and I would like to encourage others, who have interests in industrial microbiology to help us expand further the field of industrial microbiology.

Acknowledgements aside, it is to the individual, involved and interested in industrial microbiology, that this Journal is dedicated. We encourage your support and hope that we can provide a forum suitable to and appropriate for your professional requirements.

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