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Editorial

Numerous discussions with colleagues throughout the world have indicated to us that a specific journal to encourage and to recognize outstanding research contributions in the areas of wood chemistry and technology is highly desirable. To satisfy this need the scope of the JOURNAL OF WOOD CHEMISTRY AND TECHNOLOGY will encompass the chemistry of wood and wood components, and will include investigations that add new understanding of chemical phenomena important to the technology of wood. Scientific fields that will be covered will certainly include, but not be restricted to: new approaches and insights into the chemistry of pulping; lignin, cellulose, hemicellulose, and extractives chemistry; chemicals from wood and bark; bonding of wood; and related areas.

There are several reasons for starting this new journal. We believe that there is an increasing pace of research activity in areas concerned with wood chemistry and technology. Evidence is abundant, including contributions at international wood chemistry symposia which are now occurring at least annually, and accelerating activities in biomass utilization. Publication of this research is widely scattered in a multitude of journals, most of which do not focus clearly on wood chemistry. Thus, scientists desiring a key journal which highlights the major contributions must instead try to cope with a diversity of sources. The JOURNAL OF WOOD CHEMISTRY AND TECHNOLOGY is a medium for rapid communication of quality research based solely on the chemistry of wood and wood components, and chemical phenomena important to wood technology.

The desirability of a journal devoted specifically to wood chemistry and technology is also reflected in the fact that our invita-

tions to participate on the Editorial Advisory Board were extremely well received. The Board is now composed of 35 scientists from 12 countries, with positions in universities, research institutes, and industries. Several members of the Editorial Advisory Board have contributed manuscripts which will be included in the early issues of the journal.

We will be publishing two issues in 1981 and increasing frequency to four issues in 1982. The articles will be published in English using the format described in Instructions for Preparation of Manuscripts for Direct Reproduction. All manuscripts submitted for possible publication will be reviewed by appropriate referees as to their suitability for inclusion in the journal.

We invite you to submit your manuscripts describing your research in wood chemistry or technology for our consideration. We also hope that you will make the JOURNAL OF WOOD CHEMISTRY AND TECHNOLOGY a regular part of your professional reading. In addition, we also welcome your comments and suggestions for improving the journal.

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