



Letter from the Editor

It has been a wonderful year as the new Editor-in-Chief of JNB, and I wish to thank our Editorial Manager, Joseph Ryan Richardson, for his tremendous efforts to manage daily journal activities and to assist in our goal (in collaboration with Elsevier) towards total electronic-based submission of manuscripts and the peer review process. I also want to thank the Associate Editor, Dr. Michal Toborek and the Board of Editors for their contribution to the success of JNB. The journal is doing very well, and the quality and quantity of manuscripts that we receive continues to increase rapidly.

Several changes have been implemented to make JNB a more competitive journal. We revisited the membership of the Editorial Board, resulting in the retirement of some and the addition of new members. With the January 2002 issue, JNB also received a new face lift. We are excited about the new cover design, which now includes a listing of critical topics in each journal issue. Probably the most exciting addition to the journal is a new feature entitled **REVIEWS: CURRENT TOPICS**. Our goal is to include a current review article in every issue on a timely topic in nutritional sciences. Most of these reviews are invited and are intended to focus on state of the art information discussing functional properties and molecular mechanisms of nutrition-related modulation of health and disease.

We plan to remain flexible and proactive for JNB to become a major resource to the scientific and medical community. This includes subtle changes of the layout of the journal, such as updating the section on Information for Authors. Please note that with the January 2003 issue, the reference format will be changed, i.e., to conform to the reference layout of PubMed style. Finally, our aim is to rapidly publish the best work related to nutritional sciences. Our continued efforts towards total electronic communication and publishing will help us to achieve that goal.

As we continue to enjoy the growth of JNB, I wish to thank the many reviewers for their tireless assistance in the review process and help with the rapid publication of the excellent papers.

We look forward to serving you as the readers of JNB and authors of articles in the upcoming years and appreciate making this journal your first choice of manuscript submission. As always, we invite your input and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

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