

BIORHEOLOGY

EDITORIAL

Biorheology is experiencing a remarkable increase in the number of submissions. Tightening our review process and broadening the scope of the journal have resulted in increased interest in publishing in *Biorheology*. Further, if we consider that starting with this issue we will publish the Symposium papers presented at the 8th International Congress of Biorheology in Yokohama, we can foresee two emerging demands: first, to produce *Biorheology* in a two-column format; and second, the urgent need to expand our Editorial Board to enlist reviewing expertise in the new areas encompassed by the broader scope of the journal.

The expansion to a large format is an issue we have discussed with Mr. Justin Robinson, the new Associate Publisher of *Biorheology*, and it is in the planning for 1995. In the meantime, we will increase the number of papers per issue, initially to accommodate the material from Yokohama, and later to make room for the many papers that are now awaiting production.

Broadening our Editorial Board is also moving along. Four new colleagues have kindly consented to join *Biorheology's* group of Associate Editors. They are: Professor Katsuyoshi Nishinari of Osaka City University in Japan; Professor Zvi Priel of Ben Gurion University at Negev in Israel; Professor Robert Hard of the State University of New York at Buffalo, and Professor Christopher Viney of the University of Washington in Seattle in the United States. Zvi Priel and Bob Hard are both experts in cell motility and the

biorheology of mucociliary systems. Katsuyoshi Nishinari and Christopher Viney will contribute with their talents and expertise in the biorheology of biogels and the emerging field of liquid crystalline structures in biology. Thank you all for assuming this delicate responsibility, and please accept our most enthusiastic welcome to *Biorheology*.

We are also in search of a new Executive Editor-in-Chief to take my place starting next year. I will maintain my position as Executive Editor-in-Chief until a suitable replacement is found. As you may recall, I accepted this job on a strictly temporary basis due to the unexpected illness of our good friend, Professor Alex Silberberg. However, my teaching, research and administrative obligations at the University of Washington will not allow me to continue much longer as Executive Editor-in-Chief. I am sure that by the end of this year we will have implemented all of the goals that Alex and I had planned. Hopefully, the new Executive Editor will find an excellent working team of Associate Editors, strict review policies in place and computerized production and follow-up of manuscripts that will make the tasks of this important position much easier.

The main goal of these Editorials is to open communication with our colleagues. Your input on these issues is always welcome. Please feel free to give us your feedback to keep alive this dialogue that has been a tradition in our community of biorheologists.

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