

Going Forward

In the inaugural issue of *Biopolymers*, the founding editor, Murray Goodman, wrote the following statement on behalf of the Editorial Board:

Since this is the founding issue of “*Biopolymers*,” we wish to set down our thoughts on the nature and scope of the new Journal. It will be a publication devoted to high quality original research in the field of biopolymers (proteins, nucleic acids, polysaccharides, etc.) and synthetic model compounds for such substances. The emphasis of the papers sought is to be on the polymeric nature of the materials and systems investigated.

This Journal will include both experimental and theoretical reports. Normal length papers and “Communications to the Editor” will be rigorously judged. The latter will be limited to reports of special timeliness and originality. Subjects such as structure and function of biopolymers are suitable, as are studies on synthetic analogs of biopolymers, genetic investigations, details of biological organization, and biosynthetic pathways of polymer formation.

We believe that our undertaking represents a fusion of the macromolecular research in physics, chemistry, and biology of life processes. The editorial board shall strive to remain sensitive to the most modern and up-to-date reports and modify their thinking as this hybrid science grows.

Murray’s words as to the *mission* and *quality* of the Journal are as true today as they were in 1963. And, as we now ‘re-launch’ *Biopolymers*, we have incorporated a range of technical and conceptual enhancements designed to facilitate publication and to better capture the full breadth of the rapidly expanding scientific landscape.

Biopolymers will continue to publish original research articles and reviews in the general area of macromolecular

structure and function. Even 44 years ago, the editorial team recognized what is almost dogmatic today - the study of proteins, nucleic acids, and carbohydrates is truly a multidisciplinary endeavor. In this regard, the Journal will serve as a forum to present research that draws from multiple fields for the advancement of biopolymer science. In addition to review articles from leading authors on “hot” topics familiar to our readership, the Journal now will publish reviews that approach the study of biopolymers from new and, at times, unconventional perspectives.

As practitioners in the field, our entire editorial team is sensitive to the constraints that today’s research environment places on authors and referees. Therefore, there are no page or color charges associated with publication in *Biopolymers* and full papers can be of any length (both word count and artwork). The Journal will handle all papers expeditiously, taking full advantage of web technology in submission and review of manuscripts. All papers will appear on-line within a week of acceptance.

The new editorial board is excited by the technical and conceptual changes to the Journal, as well as by the commitment that our publisher, John Wiley & Sons, has made to *Biopolymers*. We look forward to working with you to grow the Journal and invite your comments and feedback every step along the way.

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