

Editorial

1991 is a very special year for *Plant Molecular Biology*; in November it will celebrate ten years of publication.

It all started in 1980, when it occurred to me that the upcoming field of the molecular biology of plants would be stimulated by the introduction of its own journal, publishing seminal, high quality research. Kluwer Academic Publishers, formerly Martinus Nijhoff/Dr W. Junk Publishers, were interested in the idea, and when it became clear from a questionnaire that many scientists in the field would support the new journal, *Plant Molecular Biology* was born. In November 1981 the first issue appeared. Later, in 1983, the journal became affiliated with the newly formed International Society for Plant Molecular Biology, and Leon Dure, the first President, opened that year with an editorial. Since then, thanks to a very pleasant and fruitful collaboration, the Society and *Plant Molecular Biology* have performed a real service to the plant molecular biology community.

With your support and active involvement, *Plant Molecular Biology* has become the leading scientific journal in the area of Plant Molecular Biology. Solid and fair, *Plant Molecular Biology* continues to be your most informed outlet for high quality scientific papers. The rate of publication will be further increased next year, rising from 12 to 18 issues per annum. In addition, a new News and Views section will keep you informed about the most important recent developments in plant sciences and other fields that contribute to molecular biology.

By way of celebration, a special issue with papers written by prominent scientists will be published in February 1992. It will reflect several of the most important and striking developments that have taken place during the past decade. This issue will also be sold separately as a textbook.

The Editors and the Publishers gratefully thank all those who have contributed to the success of *Plant Molecular Biology*, in particular the members of ISPMB, our institutional subscribers, and last but not least the many reviewers who safeguard the high scientific quality of our journal.

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