

Letter from the Editor

'...Change is the only Constant...'

Lao Tzu

We celebrate the launch of this **Inaugural 2004 Online Issue** of the Asia Pacific Journal of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology. Over the years, our subscribers, members of the society and associates have found the journal to be very useful both in terms of facilitating peer reviewed scientific communication as well as providing a platform for some relevant updates and happenings in the region. The journal is indeed no longer what it was like 'in those days' as those days have passed, the people have moved on and we now face new scenarios and challenges.

The Editorial Board felt that it was imperative that the APJMBB be made available to a wider readership within the region. With two hardcopy issues per year available only to life members of the society and personal/institutional subscribers, part time staff, the issue of sustainability in the ever changing world of scientific publications, and requirements of citation indices, we recognized that a major change was required.

During the course of this year, members of the editorial team have been working closely with the Malaysian Society of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, the World Health Organization and our corporate sponsors to realize our vision and full support of Open Access publication. This means that as for as long as it remains feasible, authors will continue to receive reprints. Hard copies of the journal will eventually be phased out.

We shall do our best to inform our readers, contributors and institutions of the latest developments and will strive to make the online version as user friendly as possible. In fact, I have received positive feedback from some readers who like what they have seen on our website at <http://www.msmbb.org.my>. Do remember to bookmark this site. I have found that it is easier to access with the Google search engine. Try it yourself and email us if there is a problem, we'd be happy to be of assistance.

The Editorial board thanks you for your support. Keep publishing.

All Best Wishes for 2005.

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Chief Editor