

Letter from the Editor

It gives me great pleasure to wish all our readers a very happy new year. I'm very happy to inform you that this year will also see a lot of positive changes to the journal and its services.

This year sees the APJMBB returning to its quarterly format to enable more high quality papers to be published. We also seek to offer improved services to our authors in the form of a streamlined review process and rapid time to publication with the four issue format. By the year end we will be instituting an online review process which will further enhance the efficiency of our services. While we will maintain our open access online format, from this year a limited print subscription will also be available for libraries and individuals.

A highlight for this year will be our Focus issue in July on Transgenic Insects with guest editor Dr Seshadri Vassan from the U.K. The issue will highlight advances by international experts in the form of reviews, commentaries and research papers on multidisciplinary aspects of the topic. The special issue is yet another change to the journal which will allow us to focus on high impact areas in the field of molecular biology and biotechnology.

To celebrate the many changes of the APJMBB and as part of the anniversary celebrations of the MSMBB (this year the parent society of the journal, the Malaysian Society for Molecular Biology and Biotechnology will also launch its 20th Anniversary Celebrations) page charges will be waived and authors will receive one complimentary print copy of the journal. This has been made possible by support from many quarters.

Last year saw both exciting and distressing developments in the world not only in science but in many events which have affected the daily lives of many of us. Scientific advancement has an important role to play in the future direction of many communities and economies and timely and accurate dissemination and communication of knowledge remains at the forefront of these endeavors. It too remains the philosophy of the APJMBB as we approach the end of the 10th year of the new millennium and for this we look forward to your continued support and readership.

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