

EDITORIAL

IUBMB Life enters a new era

Dear Readers of IUBMB Life,

The International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (IUBMB) and we personally are delighted to announce a new vision and editorial team for *IUBMB Life*. *IUBMB Life*, the Union's flagship journal, is an international peer-reviewed journal in Life Sciences. The journal is entering a new era, focusing on rapid publication of the most novel and significant research articles, cutting edge critical reviews as well as thematic Special Issues in the broadly defined fields of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, Structural Biology and Molecular Medicine. The journal gives emphasis to publishing high quality manuscripts and to this end it considers research articles that provide mechanistic innovative insights in the abovementioned areas. Review articles are also welcomed from authors who have a documented experience and a strong publication record in the given field. Moreover, *IUBMB Life* also aims to publish Special Issues, comprising both research and review articles, in emerging topics of the aforesaid fields.

IUBMB Life is devoted to rapid publication and guarantees efficient manuscript handling and fast peer review. To ensure such processes, we have restructured the journal's Editorial team. Specifically a new Editor-in-Chief and six Associate Editors have been appointed who will be devoted to the success of the journal, working closely with the Editorial Board. The new Editor-in-Chief, Dr Stathis Gonos, Director of Research at the National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, Greece and Docent at Orebro University Medical School, Orebro, Sweden, is a former Executive Committee Member of IUBMB, Associate Editor of IUBMB journals for Special Issues since 2018 and Editorial Board Member of *IUBMB Life* itself since 2013. Moreover he has extensive editorial experience being Editor-in-Chief, Editorial Board Member and Guest Editor of many other journals. The newly appointed Associate Editors are: Prof Jianping Ding (Shanghai Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shanghai, China), Prof Jeanette Erdmann (Institute for Cardiogenetics,

University of Lübeck, Lübeck, Germany), Prof Toni Gabaldón (Institute for Research in Biomedicine & Barcelona Supercomputing Centre, Barcelona, Spain), Prof Dominic Ng (Faculty of Medicine, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia), Prof Mary Reyland (Department of Craniofacial Biology, University of Colorado, Aurora, CO) and Prof Yi-Ching Wang (College of Medicine, National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan). Finally, the journal's Editorial Board consists of both former and new members, ensuring scientific multidisciplinary as well as geographical and gender balance.

Starting this new mission to increase further the journal's quality, we would all like to thank and express our deepest appreciation to the outgoing co-Editors-in-Chief, Prof William Whelan and Prof Angelo Azzi. Profs Whelan and Azzi have served the journal for about 20 years and have undoubtedly devoted themselves to the success of *IUBMB Life*, bringing it among the world top-ranked journals on its field. The new editorial team will continue to work on these grounds. Finally it is needless to quote that given IUBMB's mission, the journal welcomes submissions from around the world and it upholds the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion. With these few introductory comments, the new editorial team is ready to serve IUBMB and the journal and for this purpose it issues to the research community an open invitation for the submission of innovative research articles, cutting edge reviews and ideas for Special Issues.

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