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EDITORIAL

It is a great pleasure to introduce the new Proceedings in the biological sciences. The changes in appearance and style reflect even greater changes in organization and editorial policy. We have produced a journal with a much wider biological interest, and able to publish papers within three months of their receipt. There will be more papers, and they will be shorter. We hope that these changes will please contributors and readers alike.

We believe that the case for widening the range of the journal is a good one, and we intend the Proceedings to become the natural destination of important new work in the biological sciences. We are pleased by the scope and quality of the papers published in this issue, and of those submitted for later ones.

I urge our contributors to make their accounts intelligible, as far as possible, to non-specialists as well as specialists. I ask them to pay particular attention, with this end in view, to their titles and abstracts.

We hope that the new format and the new arrangements (which are described inside the cover) will encourage authors to maintain a flow of excellent papers, particularly those leading to conceptual changes within their subjects.

The reorganization has involved a great deal of work for many people. I particularly thank the Members of the Editorial Board, the Corresponding Editors, Mrs Maya Fletcher (Editorial Assistant), and, at the Royal Society, Professor Brian Follett (Biological Secretary), Dr Bruce Goatly (Head of Publishing) and Mr Christopher Purdon (Production Editor) for their invaluable help. I hope and believe that the future progress of the Proceedings will justify their efforts.

Bryan C. Clarke
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