



Editorial

This is the first issue of *Cell Death and Differentiation* to be published by Stockton Press, a division of Macmillan Press Ltd.

Several modifications have been implemented in this occasion. First, we would like to welcome Pierre Golstein, Stanley J. Korsmeyer, Yuri Lazebnik, PierLuigi Nicotera, Seamus Martin and Craig B. Thompson who have joined our Editorial Board. Second, this year, the publication frequency of the journal will be increased to eight issues, which is double that of the first three years. Third, a web site for the journal is being established. Fourth, a new editorial office has been opened in San Diego under the supervision of Doug Green and John Reed.

We would like to take this public opportunity to thank all at Arnold, the previous publisher of *Cell Death and Differentiation*, who, at an early time of uncertainty showed their faith and commitment to launch and nurture the early life of the journal. We want to recognise particularly the early contribution of Nick Dunton, whose drive and enthusiasm were crucial to the journal's original conception. We thank Richard Stileman, Georgina Bentliff and Mary Attree for their help in the sometimes difficult early years. We are also especially grateful to David Mackin, our typesetter, who has been responsible for developing and maintaining the high quality house style of the journal. A special thanks goes to the members of the Editorial Board, Francesco Clementi, Jeff Holly, John Kemshead, Stafford Lightman, Manfred Schwab, Hiroyuki Shimatake, Juni Uitto, Fiona Watt and Eileen White, who served in the first three years and who for different reasons are unable to continue their services. Without their help, and that of those at Arnold, there would have been no *Cell Death and Differentiation*.

It gives us confidence that the initial impact factor for *Cell Death and Differentiation*, as determined by the Institute for Scientific Information in Philadelphia and just released in October of 1996, is 4,250. For this, together with those who have worked scientifically for the journal, as well as the Editorial Board, Arnold must take credit.

These changes testify that the journal is now entering a new phase. Stockton Press will use their immense experience to promote the journal, while continuing to leave all matters of editorial policy in the hands of the Editorial Board. Under this new regime, it is our joint intention that not only will the number of pages per year increase, but the scientific quality will be further enhanced by new contributors bringing their expertise in this field into the public arena.

We look forward to this new phase, to welcoming new readers and contributors and we hope that we can strengthen our scientific service to existing friends.

Cell Death in the eye

In this first issue of 1997, you will find the next in our series of parallel reviews highlighting topics of particular interest. This issue's series focuses on cell death and differentiation in the eye and features contributions from Nancy M. Bonini, who discusses cell death in *Drosophila eye* development, and Richard A. Lang and David S. Papermaster, who review different aspects of apoptosis in the mammalian eye. We would like to thank Dr. Hermann Steller of the Howard Hughes Medical Center at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for his expert help in organizing and editing a part of this series of reviews.

The Editors