



## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The *Journal of Biomolecular Techniques* has now reached its 15th year of publication, starting from modest beginnings as *ABRF News*. The journal has experienced tremendous growth in recent years, and the present issue seems an appropriate place to take stock of the current status of *Journal of Biomolecular Techniques*. The *Journal of Biomolecular Techniques* website was opened for public access in May of 2003 (<http://jbt.abrf.org>). The website is hosted by Highwire Press, and thus possesses many of the same features as the websites of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, *Nucleic Acids Research*, *Science*, etc. Indexing of *Journal of Biomolecular Techniques* in Medline and Index Medicus began in 2003. Both the independent website and indexing were clearly important steps in enhancing the reputation of *Journal of Biomolecular Techniques*. In addition, I am most pleased with the quality of science that continues to be published in *Journal of Biomolecular Techniques*. For example, the research described in "Identification of Phosphorylated and Glycosylated Sites in Peptides by Chemically Targeted Proteolysis" [*Journal of Biomolecular Techniques* 13, 228–237 (2002)] and "Phosphospecific Proteolysis for Mapping Sites of Protein Phosphorylation" [*Nature Biotechnology* 21, 1047–1054 (2003)] was featured for discussion in *Chemical and Engineering News* (September 1, 2003, p. 31, and September 29, 2003, p. 2) and *The Scientist* (December 1, 2003, p. 30). "Electrospray Ionization Mass Spectrometry: How It All Began," written by 2002 ABRF Award recipient John B. Fenn, appeared in *Journal of Biomolecular Techniques* [13, 101–118 (2002)] shortly before Professor Fenn's award of the 2002 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work in this area. With the far greater recent accessibility, I anticipate the continued presentation of prestigious work in the *Journal of Biomolecular Techniques*. I also thank the members of the ABRF for their role in shaping the journal to its current form.

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