A new face and the wish for a productive continuity on a high scientific level

Presumably many of you have already realized that a change in the editorial team of *Journal of Computer-Aided Molecular Design* has taken place. When Hans-Dieter Höltje gave me a phone call last summer and informed me that he was going to retire as one of the editors, I immediately felt sorry about this decision. Together with the other two editors, Garland Marshall and Andy Vinter, in the last 10 years Professor Höltje has established an attractive journal that has developed to be one of the standards in the field. It was a surprise and an honor when Hans-Dieter asked me whether I would be willing to take on his duty in the editorial team. I did not hesitate very long to agree and I see this decision as a big challenge to contribute so that the journal will be as successful as in the past. Being recruited as a 'second generation' member appears to be easier, but only at first sight. Hans-Dieter, Garland and Andy have paved the ground for a well-established journal, and I wish to thank them for their hard work over the years.

Molecular Design has always been a research area closely related to applied sciences. After 12 years of experience in an industrial setting, I recently moved back to academia. Being familiar with both fields, I hope that I will be able to help to provide the required perspectives to JCAMD. It is my prime interest that JCAMD will develop to be even more *the* standard in the field, with an even growing impact factor. Hopefully more and more of the well established and leading scientists will consider JCAMD as an ideal platform to present their best and most exciting papers. This ambitious goal can only be achieved if competent, critical and reliable referees help us to define and keep the required quality criteria.

I would like to see a broad range of studies getting published in JCAMD, especially those that combine design work or method developments with experimental applications and proofs-of-concept. The scope of the journal should extend to more case studies, demonstrating the impact and success of molecular design techniques on particular research projects such as drug design, catalyst development, combinatorial chemistry or molecular engineering in material and protein sciences. The complexity and interdisciplinarity of today's research projects bring together scientists from different fields. Crystallographers, modelers, computational chemists, biochemists, medicinal chemists and material scientists are invited to submit papers showing that computer-aided design on a molecular level plays an increasingly important role in the planning and realization of joint research projects. With their help, we intend to perpetuate the high scientific standards set in the past 10 years.

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