

Editorial

Publisher's Note

There have been some changes in the composition of the Board of Editors. Firstly, Dr Shauna Farr-Jones completed her work as editor of the News and Views section of the journal at the end of 2000. Shauna made a very effective contribution to strengthening this section. Secondly, Professor Donald B. Boyd informed us that he wished to step down as editor at the end of April 2001, after three years in the position. The Journal prospered under Don's guidance. We thank Don for his efforts in attracting a large number of regular papers and organizing several special issues. Indeed, it can be said that Don revitalized the journal. His work is well reflected in this issue and in the remaining issues of this volume. Moreover, at least three issues of the next volume (Volume 20) will contain papers that he arranged while editor.

We are most fortunate that Dr Andrew J. Holder has accepted the American Chemical Society's Division of Computers in Chemistry nomination to succeed Don Boyd as editor from 1 May 2001 onwards. Andy Holder was born in 1960 in Mobile, Alabama, where he spent the majority of his time as a child and teenager. He attended Mobile College (now the University of Mobile) and graduated cum laude with a double major in Chemistry and Mathematics in 1982. He obtained his PhD in physical chemistry in 1987 from the University of Southern Mississippi. Andy's work there involved wide angle x-ray scattering structural studies of polymers and small alkylhalides. His dissertation (under the direction of David L. Wertz) was on the conformational equilibrium of 1,3-dichloropropane.

In 1987, Andy moved to the University of Texas at Austin where he did a two-year postdoctoral fellowship with Michael J.S. Dewar. During that time, he worked on a number of applications projects and parameterization of AM1 for new elements. In 1989, he accepted a position as assistant professor of computational/organic chemistry at the University of

Missouri-Kansas City. In 1995, Andy received tenure and was promoted to associate professor. His current work includes development of semiempirical methods for transition metals and a multidisciplinary project searching for a non-shrinking dental restorative material.

We have every confidence that Andy will maintain and add to the reputation that the journal has gained since its inception in 1982. We wish him success and much personal satisfaction in this position.

Professor Rod Hubbard of the University of York continues as editor nominated by the Molecular Graphics and Modelling Society. Authors are encouraged to submit their papers to *either* Andy Holder or Rod Hubbard at the addresses given below.

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