

## *Announcement*

### **Guidelines for Cytogenetics Papers**

Prior to the 'banding' era of cytogenetics, documentation of cytogenetics information depended largely on photographs of abnormal karyotypes. 'Bands' are often difficult to reproduce on photographs. It is therefore particularly important that results claimed from banding studies be reported precisely and without ambiguity so that future scientific information can be solidly built upon such bands. The Paris Conference (1971, 1975) of human chromosomal nomenclature provides clear guidelines for standard reporting of various types of abnormalities including those detected by banding which should be followed in all cytogenetics papers.

Authors are asked to submit photographic evidence of a complete karyotype for editorial review to allow assessment of claimed karyotype abnormalities. This material will usually not be published but selected partial karyotypes, if appropriate, should be submitted for purposes of publication.