

Letter from the Editor

The Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution began in 1982 as a paper society whose only function was to own and to edit the journal *Molecular Biology and Evolution*, which was published by The University of Chicago Press. In 1992, at a meeting at Pennsylvania State University, we took a major step by deciding to become an active Society complete with Bylaws, Officers, a Council, and an annual meeting. The Society has now taken another important step by becoming the Publisher of *Molecular Biology and Evolution*. We have chosen Allen Press as our printer, and Allen Press will provide most of the services that were previously provided by The University of Chicago Press. As a result of this step, the Society is now financially responsible for all of the costs of producing the Journal, but it also receives all of the income from the Journal and owns the copyright for material published in the Journal.

With control of the Journal now entirely in the hands of the Society, we have taken two major steps to provide better service to our members.

First, we have increased the frequency of publication to 10 issues per year; the Journal will now be published every month except June and August. The modest increase in subscription rates this year reflects the increased costs of more frequent publication and mailing. We anticipate publishing monthly as soon as the flow of manuscripts will comfortably support that frequency.

Second, subscription rates for each category of subscribers (individual, student, family, and institution) will be the same for subscribers in any part of the world. We decided that, as members of an international society, all should receive the Journal at the same price and with the same timely delivery regardless of residence. Therefore, all subscribers outside North America will receive the Journal by AllenAir air delivery.

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