Editorial Policy Statement

As many of you already know, I was selected by the Publications Committee to succeed Edward Masaro as the Editor of the *Journal of Gerontology: Biological Sciences*. The Publications Committee in 1987 made the decision to expand the *Journal of Gerontology* into four separate journals. This has progressed considerably, and now the publications of the Journals occur in two separate issues, one containing the Biological Sciences and the Medical Sciences and the other, the Social Sciences and the Psychological Sciences. The growth of the Biological Sciences journal has been most impressive under the tutelage of Dr. Masaro and the first Editor, Vincent Cristofalo. It is a major challenge for me as the new Editor to continue the growth and direction of the Journal as set by Vince Cristofalo and Ed Masaro. Although the publication of the Biological Sciences and Medical Sciences sections together has been only of recent origin, the number of manuscripts submitted to the Journal has increased considerably. I hope to continue this growth phase.

One of the visions of the Publications Committee has been that the development of each Journal should occur to the extent that it could be published separately. I endorse this vision. With the increase of the number of manuscripts and the quality of the manuscripts, this vision is coming closer to realization. However, to actually accomplish this, as Edward Masaro pointed out in his Editorial Statement, the number of pages published per issue must increase. I hope we can achieve this during my tenure as Editor. I believe that the present format will eventually lead to this development. With the new editorial board in place, it is my hope that manuscripts of the highest quality will be submitted. It is my aim to have the Journal considered the premier vehicle for publication of Biological Gerontology reports. I hope that the Gerontological Biological community will support this effort by providing us with its best investigations. One of the issues that needs to be addressed is to have more rapid publication of manuscripts, i.e., from the time the manuscript is submitted to the time it is in print. This will require additional resources, and one of my goals will be to obtain these resources from the Society.

The quality of the papers submitted, I am sure many of you will agree, has increased over the years and I am planning to have this direction continued. I should also like to encourage the publication of rapid and brief comments, as well as editorial comments and reviews. These items are described in the Instructions to Authors.

The Editorial Board structure that Edward Masaro initiated will continue, namely, the Associate Editors will play a major role in making decisions on the publication of submitted papers. The Associate Editors on the new Editorial Board will appear in future issues. I have added a new Associate Editor for Demographics.

I want to thank all of those who served as Associate Editors and advisers in the past. It was largely through these efforts that the Journal has progressed as far as it has. I hope that the new members of the Editorial Board will serve as well as those whose terms expired. The selection of Associate Editors was achieved by consulting with many of our colleagues in the Biological Gerontological field; the overriding consideration was to provide others in the biological community the opportunity to contribute their expertise to the future development of the Journal. The Associate Editors were selected to reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the Journal.

I have been considering, as some other journals have, selected issues devoted to a given problem in a particular area of the discipline. This is not easy to do, of course, but if the number of pages available for publication could be increased, this might be considered in the future. In any case, I look forward to serving the Biological Science community as new Editor and achieving the goals that have been set. I am sure, with your help, I will be able to achieve the excellence that we all strive for in our publications. I welcome suggestions from the biological community to improve the Journal.

Let us make the 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of the GSA be the beginning of a new era of development of our Journals!

Jay Roberts, PhD
Editor, *Journal of Gerontology: Biological Sciences*
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