

## News from the *Chemistry & Biology* Editorial Team

From its inception in 1994, *Chemistry & Biology* has had a strong interest in publishing articles and reviews describing and discussing research related to natural product biosynthesis. The second issue highlighted the exciting elucidation of the vitamin B12 biosynthetic pathway [Scott, A.I. (1994). *Chem. Biol.* 1, xxiv–xxv], thus signaling the journal's interest in the field. The interest has not faded over the years, although the types of questions and approaches taken have diversified and grown in different directions, as manifested by the content of the current issue, which includes several articles that can be broadly classified in the natural product biosynthesis category.

The expertise of our editorial board is another demonstration of our commitment to this community, as is the expertise of our group of editors, notably including Dr. Wolfgang Wohlleben, who has widely recognized interests in the field. Unfortunately, Dr. Wohlleben has decided to step down as an editor of the journal after serving in this role since 2002. Over the last decade, Dr. Wohlleben, with his broad scientific interests and clear editorial policy, has been instrumental in expanding the reputation of the journal in the natural product biosynthesis field. We are pleased that Dr. Wohlleben will continue to be engaged with the journal as a new editorial board member.

We are excited to welcome our new editor, Dr. Christian Hertweck, to *Chemistry & Biology*. Dr. Hertweck is a professor of natural products chemistry at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, and is head of the department of biomolecular chemistry at the Leibniz Institute for Natural Products Research and Infection Biology. Dr. Hertweck has established research interests in bacterial and fungal secondary metabolic pathways and has developed strategies for biosynthetic pathway engineering to yield new natural products, as well as applying enzyme-based catalysis and organic synthesis in the creation of new chemical diversity. We are positive that Dr. Hertweck will build on our existing strength in natural product biosynthesis and increase the quality of our content, as natural product biosynthesis continues to expand and new directions emerge.

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