

Preface

In the mid-1980s the European Journal of Biochemistry set out to publish review articles. The enterprise proved successful with many high-level reviews written by well-known scientists appearing in the Journal. The reviews are intended to represent emerging and rapidly growing fields of research in fundamental as well as in applied areas of biochemistry, such as medicine, biotechnology, agriculture and nutrition. Novel methodological and technological approaches which stimulate biochemical research are also included. The authors of the reviews are explicitly asked to be critical, selective, evaluative and interdisciplinarily oriented. The reviews should encourage young scientists toward independent and creative thinking, and inform active investigators about the state of the art in a given field.

The good reception of the reviews by the readers of the European Journal of Biochemistry has induced the Editorial Board and Springer-Verlag to publish them annually in a separate booklet, 'EJB Reviews', in order to further their dissemination among biochemists and scientists in related biological and medical disciplines.

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