

EDITORIAL NOTE

EXPANDING THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION

The Editorial Board of this peer-reviewed journal wishes in future numbers to expand the proportion of published material devoted to the Biological Sciences. A growing number of original investigations, both in a clinical setting and from basic cell biology laboratories, deals with biomedical topics of great interest to the readership of this Journal. As yet, there is no Canadian counterpart to the federally supported National Institute of Aging south of the border, the specific mandate of which is to promote research pertinent to the physiological changes of normal aging and those medical disorders the unravelling of which is especially dependent upon such knowledge.

Medical scientists already working in this vital field therefore have a unique opportunity to foster a more receptive Canadian

environment for the furtherance of such funding support, by publishing some of our work in our own literature. In addition to this general call for full manuscripts appropriate for this purpose, serious consideration is also being given to devoting a Special Issue of the Canadian Journal of Aging to biological topics, and to some Invited Reviews of currently important themes.

Research on biomedical facets of aging is finally coming of age in this country. To paraphrase the ancient sage Hillel, "If we are not for ourselves, who will be for us?"

Submissions may be directed to the Editor-in-Chief at the address shown on the inside front cover.

Melvyn J. Ball, M.D.
Editor, Biological Sciences Division

THANK YOU

This fourth issue completes my first term as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal. It has been a challenge, made easier by the assistance of a dedicated editorial board, who manage most of the review process. In the past fourteen months, the Journal has received 75 manuscripts to review, requiring about 150 individuals to anonymously donate their time providing blind reviews. Our thanks goes out to you as of course it goes out to all those who submitted papers and book reviews to the journal. Reviewers for Volume 5 will be listed in the next issue. All of this represents a volunteer effort. I would like also to thank Debby Vigoda, Managing Editor, for handling the many business details which are beyond my knowledge and interest.

Victor W. Marshall
Editor-in-Chief