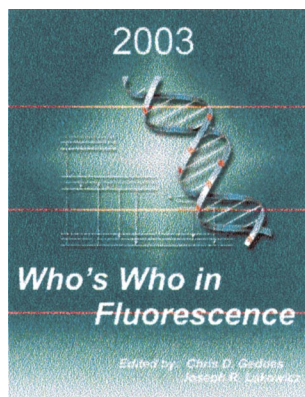


Editorial

Who's Who In Fluorescence 2003

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When we made the transition of the Editor-in-Chief position of the *Journal of Fluorescence* from Joseph R. Lakowicz to Chris D. Geddes in November 2001, we both had many ideas of how the *Journal* could further fulfill the continuously changing needs of the fluorescence community. In recent years, fluorescence

research has shifted from principles-driven research to interdisciplinary research, with the rapid growth of industry based on applications and biotechnology. The expansion of fluorescence has resulted in a substantial increase in the number of fluorescence workers in the past 10 years. These workers are now more widespread throughout the world, and no longer limited to the laboratories that pioneered developments in fluorescence spectroscopy. It was therefore challenging to invite a new *Journal of Fluorescence* editorial board that reflected these changes and the current state-of-play in fluorescence.

However, we soon realized that the diversity of fluorescence was such that it could not be fully reflected by 30 or so *Journal of Fluorescence* editorial board members, but in fact could only be reflected by fluorescence workers themselves, whether in the fields of academia, industry, or government.

Subsequently we are pleased to announce that the first *Who's Who in Fluorescence* volume has been completed. Many e-mail invitations were sent to fluorescence workers and companies around the world. The response to the *Who's Who in Fluorescence 2003* volume was excellent. The volume will be published by Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers, the publishers of the *Journal of Fluorescence*, and will be available in January 2003.

The volume not only reflects the breadth of fluorescence by the speciality descriptions provided by contributors but also provides complete contact details, key publications, as well as contributor speciality key words. We hope that you will find the volume both useful and informative, and we look forward to receiving your contributions and suggestions for the *Who's Who in Fluorescence 2004* volume. Further details and instructions for authors can be found at <http://cfs.umbi.umd.edu/jf/>.

We thank you for supporting the *Who's Who in Fluorescence* volume.

With warm regards,

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