Searching for a New Editor-in-Chief for Biotechnology and Applied Biochemistry

The International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (IUBMB) seeks a new Editor-in-Chief for Biotechnology and Applied Biochemistry. Published since 1979, Biotechnology and Applied Biochemistry is dedicated to the rapid publication of discoveries in the life sciences that impact and advance biotechnology. The Editor will consider papers for publication based on their potential impact on the field, and their compatibility with journal scope. The journal seeks contributions to the fields of synthetic biology, systems biology, metabolic engineering, bioengineering, biomaterials, biosensing, and nano-biotechnology, and how they can be applied to medical and industrial biotechnology.

The successful candidate will be recognized as a leading member of the biochemistry and molecular biology community. They will have an outstanding publication record; an extensive, global network; an appreciation for the diverse fields within the journal’s scope; and will represent the diversity within the IUBMB global community.

The successful candidate will have an outstanding opportunity to further develop the journal over a maximum three 3-year terms in the role. They must demonstrate a clear vision for its future growth and position in the publishing landscape. The appointee will bring extensive experience in peer review and/or editorial roles, high ethical professional standards, innovation, enthusiasm, strong leadership, and organizational and communication skills to the journal.

The main functions within this role are: strategic and practical development of the journal, defining a vision for the content; defining content and commissioning papers for regular and special issues; maintaining editorial standards; providing strong and inspiring leadership to the journal’s editorial board; appointing new board members to grow the journal; promoting the journal; managing the publication, and working closely with IUBMB and the publisher (Wiley). This important leadership role will require a significant time commitment on a weekly basis and will be recompensed accordingly. Associate Editors are appointed to limited terms by the Editors-in-Chief to handle some functions, subject to approval by the IUBMB Executive Committee. The Editor-in-Chief of Biotechnology and Applied Biochemistry will receive an annual honorarium and is supported by professional editorial office assistance.

Applications should include the following
1) A full CV, including details of peer review and/or editorial roles and the applicant’s publication record
2) A brief statement describing your vision for Biotechnology and Applied Biochemistry
3) A cover letter outlining your suitability for the Editor-in-Chief role
4) Two reference Letters

Please send any queries relating to this appointment and applications, in confidence, to: Assoc. Prof. James Murphy (jamesm@wehi.edu.au), Chair of the IUBMB Publications Committee. Applications should be sent no later than November 30, 2021. The Publications and Executive Committees of IUBMB will make the final selection. The appointed candidate would commence as Editor-in-Chief on January 1, 2022.

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