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Dear Members of the American Peptide Society,

On behalf of the Officers and Council of the APS, I would like to wish you all the very best for 2014, at home and at work. Health and happiness come first, but after that, may all your experiments work, and may the referees smile on all your papers and grant applications!

I'd like to take the opportunity to confirm what was announced at the Symposium in Hawaii regarding changes to the Journal and to our membership dues.

Our Journal moves to online only

We learned early in 2013 that Wiley had changed the status of our Journal in that the version of record had become the on-line edition. As of Jan 1st 2013, the printing of the paper version had been discontinued, except for the copies supplied to members of the APS. Wiley had made this exception for us as we had all paid for paper copies up to June 2013 as a part of our APS dues for 2011-2013. Wiley was prepared to go on printing our copies up to the end of 2013, but it made more sense to bring the date of the change into line with the start of our new subscription period, i.e. June 2013. Online access for the rest of 2013 has been complementary: for 2014 and 2015, members without institutional access are encouraged to take advantage of a concessionary subscription rate of \$30. The arrangements for this will need to be made directly with Wiley and as soon as we are given the details of how to do so, we will communicate them to you.

Please don't forget that our Journal, which has consistently gone from strength to strength for many years, continues to deserve our full support, both as readers and as authors!

Membership dues are abolished, membership will no longer expire

The principal mission of the APS is to organize its Symposia, to give concrete assistance to younger researchers, and to promote our science at the national and international level in all other ways possible. The change in the arrangements with Wiley was the last element that we needed to convince us that we can still finance our mission if we abolish dues as such. As previously, all those paying the Symposium registration fee become members unless they opt out. The difference is that membership will no longer lapse after two years: all present members of the APS will in principle remain members indefinitely unless they choose to resign. New members will still have to apply, but no payment will be requested and there will be no expiry date to their membership, if granted. Members for 2011-2013 who did not attend the Hawaii Symposium need not ask for renewal: it has happened automatically. Members who believe that they have lapsed are invited to contact Becci Totzke (apsmanager@americanpeptidesociety.org) to ask for their membership to be reinstated.

The Council of the APS sees in these changes an excellent opportunity for mounting a sustained membership drive. This will be launched, and your help enlisted, once an online membership application page has been developed and tested. You will also be asked to vote in due course on some technical changes to our Bylaws, needed to optimize the implementation of all these changes. Meanwhile, your queries and comments would be welcome.

Once again, please accept from us all our best wishes for 2014.

Yours

Robin Offord