

Welcome to the new *TiBS* layout

However, you can rest assured that only the design has changed, the high quality content that you expect from *TiBS* will remain unaltered. As mentioned by Sydney Brenner in our December Special Issue, and as outlined in the next editorial by Jan Witkowski, biochemistry is making a come back (did it ever go away?), and so the future for *TiBS* is bright. At a time when the generation of biochemical data and information is unprecedented, *TiBS* will strive to keep you up to date, while continuing to provide a platform for hypothesis and discussion. In a nutshell, the goal of *TiBS* is to deliver the best research reviews written by the best scientists.

The aim of the new design is to make the content of the journal more accessible (both in print and online). So, *TiBS* has been divided into five separate sections – **Research Update**, **News & Comment**, **Opinion**, **Review** and **Forum** – each of which incorporate several different types of article. We have also taken this opportunity to re-name some of the article types; for example, **Frontlines** articles are now called **Research News**, and **Talking Points** have become **Opinion** articles. As you might have noticed from the contents page, we have also introduced two new article types – **In Brief** and **Q & A** – to complement the in-depth mini-reviews for which *TiBS* is well known. **In Brief** articles are snippets of

biochemical news that will keep you informed about the latest in research, policy and education. These articles are compiled by three outside editors, Stephanie and Bernard de Bono and Andrea Rinaldi. The **Q & As**, made accessible by the question and answer format, outline the essential points of a research topic. This January issue contains both **In Brief** and **Q & A** articles, so please take a look and let me know what you think. To help orientate you with respect to the new format, a brief synopsis of the contents is given below.

Research Update

This section contains three article types:

Research News provides an in-depth discussion on recent research papers, **Meeting Reports** give highlights of relevant conferences, and **Protein Sequence Motif** articles describe new and biochemically relevant protein domains.

News & Comment

This section includes **Journal Club**, which comprises short articles, written by scientists, commenting on the latest research papers; the **In Brief** section highlighting the latest biochemical news, policy and educational issues; and finally **Letters**, which are written by scientists to stimulate debate.

Opinion

The **Opinion** section is an integral part of the journal that gives you the opportunity to propose new ideas, challenge existing models and contribute to stimulating debates.

Review

Reviews provide the backbone of each issue and are the hallmark of *TiBS*. The subject matter covered by these articles aims to provide a full breadth of coverage across all areas of biochemistry and molecular biology.

Forum

This section includes the popular features of *TiBS* such as **Computer Corner**, **Book Reviews** and **Historical Perspective**, and now also the new **Q & A** articles.



Fig. 1. Tim Hunt (Editor-in-Chief of *TiBS* from 1992–2000). Cartoon drawn by Donald Davidson.

The success of *TiBS* is undoubtedly a team effort, and it is the commitment and enthusiasm of our authors, referees and the Advisory Editorial Board that has ensured that *TiBS* has gone from strength to strength. Another extremely important member of the team is the Editor-in-Chief who, for the past eight years, has been Tim Hunt. Tim first joined the Advisory Editorial Board of *TiBS* in 1979, easily making him the longest-serving member to date. The relevant skill and knowledge that Tim brought with him ensured that *TiBS* flourished under his leadership. Tim has been an enthusiastic and tireless ambassador for the journal, and has followed the important tradition of making *TiBS* fun to read – *TiBS* will always strive to be relevant, lively, interesting and illustrated with cartoons! However, Tim has now decided to retire from the board, and is being replaced by Jan Witkowski. Jan has been a good friend to *TiBS* for many years and joined the Advisory Editorial Board in 1996. Jan has a wealth of knowledge and expertise in biochemistry and molecular biology, not to mention a general enthusiasm for science, so, as I mentioned earlier, the future for *TiBS* certainly is bright.

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