

## JASMS to 12 Issues Means Faster Turnaround

**T**his issue opens the fourth volume of the *Journal of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry*, a volume that will for the first time contain 12 monthly issues. The Society, the Publisher, and the Editorial Staff have agreed that it is in the best interests of those who read and those who publish that *J. Am. Soc. Mass Spectrom.* appear more often.

Two major benefits will accrue to this increase in publication frequency. First, the increased capacity will mean that the backlog of articles will decrease. The time between acceptance and publication of an article should decrease to approximately **four months**.

Second, we are now able to offer a *fast-track communication feature*. Since the inception of the Journal, short communications have been a part of its format. It was difficult, however, to ensure fast turnaround when the Journal was published only six and then eight times per year. Now that issues will appear monthly, a communication can be published within approximately **two months** of acceptance. The Editorial office's

commitment to fast review of short communications coupled with the Publisher's ability to insert them into an issue at an advanced production stage will guarantee fast response to reports containing novel findings. We invite you to try this new feature of the Journal, but please keep the report short (approximately 1500 words).

The higher publication frequency and capacity have been accomplished with only modest increases in membership dues and in the cost for a library subscription. No other mass spectrometry journal offers as much return for cost.

Remember, the Journal belongs to you, the members of ASMS. We look forward to your comments, your submitted articles and communications, and we appreciate the help from those who agree to do reviews.

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