

cede the more specialized "Magnetic Resonance in Biological Systems" meeting being organized in France by Dr. M. Gueron. In addition to sponsoring these international symposia, ISMAR has held summer schools in Germany, Yugoslavia, and other locations and will sponsor the next International Summer School on Nuclear Magnetic Resonance at the University of Waterloo in 1979. This will be organized by Dr. M. M. Pintar.

It is from the exchange and stimulation fostered by such meetings that the desire for more regular communication emerges and a publication such as this one is born.

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With the founding of the *Bulletin of Magnetic Resonance*, many more scientists will become aware of our research and activities, many more will be able to participate in and contribute to the vital work taking place in this field. I encourage all ISMAR members, other magnetic resonance spectroscopists, and interested scientists to contribute to the BULLETIN, and I look forward to a long-lasting partnership among all those who will be involved in this important undertaking.

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## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

From modest beginnings magnetic resonance has developed into an important tool of research. Refined and readily available equipment not only allows a wide choice in the methods of operation, but the technique is now fruitfully applied in many fields of investigation.

While this development was most rewarding, the great ramification has made it nearly impossible, even for those actively engaged in certain branches, to remain well informed about all the diverse aspects encountered in the pursuit of different specific studies. In fact, among the large number of pertinent papers, most demand a considerable acquaintance with their particular subject so that they are of major benefit only to some special and usually rather small group of readers.

The review articles to appear in the *Bulletin of Magnetic Resonance* will therefore provide a highly welcome service. Both as a source of information for the interested general public and to aid cross-fertilization among experts, they can be expected to have a significant influence upon maintaining vitality in a field of proven scientific value.

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