

Editorial

***Histochemistry and Cell Biology* - 61 years and not tired at all**

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Isaac Newton is credited with quipping, “If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants”. This remark, made more than 300 years ago is still relevant for today’s scientists. Certainly, in our field of Histochemistry and Cell Biology many of the insights we enjoy and techniques we apply in our research are the result of contributions to the literature provided by our scientific forebearers. As Editors of *Histochemistry and Cell Biology* we are entrusted with maintaining the high quality and continued success of the journal instituted by its founders M. Chèvremont, Liège; H.W. Deane, New York; P.B. Diezel, F. Duspiva and H. Reznik, Heidelberg; O. Eränkö, Helsinki; P. Gedigk and N. Schümmelfelder, Bonn; W. Gössner, Tübingen; W. Graumann, Göttingen; A. G. E. Pearse, London; W. Sandritter, Frankfurt/Main; T.H. Schiebler, Kiel; G. Siebert, Mainz; and M. Wolman, Tel-Hashomer. The list of the international editors represented a virtual list of “Who’s Who” in histochemistry at that time.

Brief history of the journal

The journal has a long and distinguished history in publishing cutting edge research, technical developments, and special topic issues. A perusal of the contents of the early volumes of the journal reveals a cornucopia of developments of the histochemical methods still widely in use today, contributed by eminent scientists such as P. van Duijn, Leiden; O. Eränkö, Helsinki; P. Gedigk, Bonn; R. Gossrau, Berlin; W. Graumann, Tübingen; L.-I. Larsson, Copenhagen; Z. Lojda, Prague; B. Maurer-Schultze, Würzburg; A.E.F.H. Meijer, Amsterdam; K. Ogawa, Kyoto; A.G.E. Pearse, London; D. Pette, Konstanz; M. van der Ploog, Leiden; H. Puchtler, Georgia; Y. Sano, Kyoto; and L.A. Sternberger, Rochester, NY. Last year, we celebrated the 60th anniversary of the founding of the journal, exemplifying its longevity in a crowded and expanding scientific publishing marketplace. This gave us pause to reflect on the history of the journal, and what it means as an author today to contribute a manuscript to a journal with such a robust scientific pedigree. In 2008, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, Jürgen Roth, H. Dariush Fahimi, and Detlev Drenckhahn presented an historical overview of the evolution of *Histochemistry and Cell Biology* (Roth et al. 2008) since its inception in 1958 as the “*Abteilung Histochemie*” (Histochemistry Division) of the “*Zeitschrift für Zellforschung und mikroskopische Anatomie*” (nowadays *Cell and Tissue Research*). Over the ensuing 60 years, the journal’s name has changed three times, reflecting overall movement in the field and scientific literature in general: (1) in 1964-1965, the journal established itself as an independent entity with concomitant change of name to *Histochemie/Histochemistry/Histochimie*, the three languages reflecting its broad international reach and appeal; (2) in 1974, reflecting the ubiquitous nature of the English language in scientific publications, including those submitted to this journal, the name was changed to *Histochemistry*; and (3) finally, in 1995 under the

leadership of Co-Editors-in-Chief Detlev Drenckhahn and Jürgen Roth, the current name *Histochemistry and Cell Biology* was adopted, recognizing the expanding scope of articles to be more inclusive of the rapid advances in basic cell and molecular research (Figure 1). As Juliet famously remarked in Shakespeare's play "Romeo and Juliet", "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet", may be an apt metaphor for the change in the name of our journal over the past 60 years. And, though the name may have changed to reflect the growth and maturation of both scientific publishing practices, as well as the science itself, the underlying objectives to publish high quality manuscripts illustrating technical innovations in histochemistry and their application in original research in cell and molecular sciences have remained steadfast guiding principles.

Official journal of the Society for Histochemistry

In 1992, while the journal was still called *Histochemistry*, Jürgen Roth, as Co-Editor-in-Chief, oversaw the process whereby *Histochemistry* was adopted as the official journal of the Society for Histochemistry (see Gössner 2002, for a brilliant descriptive history of the Society for Histochemistry). The journal provides a forum for the wide dissemination of information regarding activities of the Society (Höfler and Drukker 1992), including the invitation for scientists to apply for the Robert Feulgen Prize. This strong affiliation between journal and society remains in place to this day. One of the more tangible results of this affiliation has been the publication of the Society's "Robert Feulgen Lecture". This prestigious international invited lecture honoring Robert Feulgen, the pioneer of DNA histochemistry (Chieco and Derenzini 1999), was first delivered by Olavi Eränkö in 1979, who was followed over the years by numerous notable and internationally recognized scientists (Table 1). In addition to the manuscripts from the Robert Feulgen Lecturers, special individual reviews from

the Robert Feulgen Prize recipients have also been published in the journal (Table 2; for a complete list see <http://www.histochemistry.eu>). Moreover, since 2004, five eminent scientists have been selected to present the *Histochemistry and Cell Biology* Lecture at either the Annual Symposium of the Society for Histochemistry, or at the International Congress of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry (Table 3), with their presentations likewise published by the journal.

Journal statistics and benefits for authors

In addition to publishing special individual manuscripts such as those arising from the Robert Feulgen lectures and Prize presentations, the journal also continues to publish thematic “Special Issues” devoted to a specific technique or well-timed research topics (Table 4 and cover of this issue).

Looking over the last 10 years of the journal, it has been illuminating and gratifying to realize that for manuscripts published between 2008 (the 50th anniversary of the founding of the journal) and 2018 (the 60th anniversary) in *Histochemistry and Cell Biology*, at least 228 have been downloaded over 1000 times from the journal's website. This includes the classical review on human keratins by Roland Moll's group, with more than 8500 downloads and 571 cites (Moll et al. 2008), a review on single-molecule localization microscopy by Markus Sauer's group (Klein et al. 2014) with more than 4300 downloads and 66 cites, and an introduction to the sugar code by Hans-Joachim Gabius and Jürgen Roth (2017) with about 4100 downloads and 36 cites, as of this writing! For the interested reader, Table 5 provides a more complete list.

Histochemistry and Cell Biology has also been at the forefront of innovations for scientific publishing and author services. In 1995, concomitant with its change of name to the current *Histochemistry and Cell Biology*, the journal announced

publishing policies stipulating that (1) manuscripts will be published in full format without arbitrary page limits, and (2) no charge for the first color plate (Drenckhahn and Roth 1995). These policies were expanded in 2001 to include no charges for any color reproduction in all manuscripts. In 2000, the journal Editors announced a new service for authors called “Online First”, whereby accepted manuscripts were immediately posted online following receipt of the corrected proofs (Editors 2000). This process resulted in a significant decrease in publication time, with the online posting as the official date of publication, along with an assigned unique “Digital Object Identifier” (DOI) which can then be used to access and cite the manuscript. Another feature for authors introduced by the publisher in 2004 was the option of “Springer Open Choice”, allowing immediate free access to the published articles. More recently, the “Transfer Desk” option was introduced to assist authors in finding the most relevant journal amongst Springer Nature’s portfolio of over 2500 titles, for disposition of a manuscript determined by the editors to be beyond the scope of *Histochemistry and Cell Biology*.

So, in closing, we cordially invite you to submit your manuscripts to *Histochemistry and Cell Biology*, rich in the knowledge that you will be contributing to a journal with a long-standing history and august reputation in the field.

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Table 1 Scientists invited for the Robert Feulgen Lecture*

O. Eränkö, Helsinki, Finland

Histochemical observations on the distribution of catecholamines and catecholamine-synthesizing enzymes in the nerve cells and SIF cells of the sympathetic ganglion
Gargellen, Austria, 1979

L.A. Sternberger, Rochester, NY, USA

Immunocytochemistry - Past, present, future
Würzburg, Germany, 1980

G. Pfefferkon, Münster, Germany

Histochemische Analyse mit Licht - und Elektronenstrahlen (Histochemical analysis by light and electron microscopy)
Münster, Germany, 1981

W.E. Stumpf, Chapel Hill, NC, USA

Histochemical characteristics and significance of cell receptors in biology and pathology
Gargellen, Austria, 1982

A.G.E. Pearse, London, UK

The phylogeny of the diffuse neuroendocrine system
Gargellen, Austria, 1983

I.B. Black, New York, NY, USA

Phenotypic plasticity in the nervous system
Maastricht, The Netherlands, 1984

K. Weber, Göttingen, Germany

Cytoskeletal proteins: structure, function, pathology
Göttingen, Germany, 1985

G.C. Bennett, Montreal, Canada

Radioautographic and cytochemical studies of the synthesis and intracellular transport of glycoproteins
Gargellen, Austria, 1986

W.J. Gehring, Basel, Switzerland

The generation of the body plan as studied by in situ hybridization in the developing embryo
Basel, Switzerland, 1987

L.-I. Larsson, Copenhagen, Denmark

Cytochemical detection of regulatory peptides and of mRNA molecules coding for peptide precursors
Gargellen, Austria, 1988

W.W. Franke, Heidelberg, Germany

The intermediate filament cytoskeleton and its association with other structures
Gargellen, Austria, 1989

M.N. Moore, Plymouth, UK
Environmental distress signals: cellular reactions to marine pollution
Gargellen, Austria, 1990

J.E. Dumont, Brussels, Belgium
The surface receptors in the model of the thyroid cell
Ghent, Belgium, 1991

G. Klein, Stockholm, Sweden
The contribution of oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes to the multistep development of cancer
Munich, Germany, 1992

S. Rosen, San Francisco, CA, USA
L-selection and its endogenous ligands
Gargellen, Austria, 1993

M.J. Karnovsky, Boston, MA, USA
Cytochemistry and oxy radicals
Heidelberg, Germany, 1994

D. Shotton, Oxford, UK
Electronic light microscopy: Past, present, future
Rigi-Kaltbad, Switzerland, 1995

M. Trendelenburg, Heidelberg, Germany
Novel insights into the nucleolar structural complexity and function
Gargellen, Austria, 1996

K. Simons, Heidelberg, Germany
Biogenesis of a polarized cell surface in epithelial cells
Jena, Germany, 1997

D. Vestweber, Münster, Germany
Molecular mechanisms that control leukocyte extravasation
Giessen, Germany, 1998

A. Willie, Cambridge, UK
Apoptosis in the genesis and treatment of cancer
Gargellen, Austria, 1999

Jennifer Lippincott-Schwartz, Bethesda, MD, USA
Cell cycle maintenance and biogenesis of the Golgi complex
Les Diablerets, Switzerland, 2000

R.G.W. Anderson, Dallas, TX, USA
Caveolae spatially organize signal transduction at the cell surface
Vienna, Austria, 2001

T. Misteli, Bethesda, MD, USA
New views of the cell: Genomics, proteomics and dynamic networks

Vlissingen, The Netherlands, 2002

A. Engel, Basel, Switzerland
Structure and function of membrane channels
Les Diablerets, Switzerland, 2003

S. Fakan, Lausanne, Switzerland
The functional architecture of the nucleus as analyzed by ultrastructural cytochemistry
Prague, Czech Republic, 2004

M. Dahan, Paris, France
From analog to digital: exploring cell dynamics with single quantum dots
Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands, 2005

Danièle Hernandez-Verdun, Paris, France
The nucleolus: a model for the organization of nuclear functions
Stresa, Lake Maggiore, Italy, 2006

M. Frotscher, Freiburg, Germany
New ways of looking at synapses
Freiburg i.Br., Germany, 2007

K. Takata, Maebashi, Japan
Localization and trafficking of aquaporin 2 in the kidney
Interlaken, Switzerland, 2008

P.J. Peters, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Cellular organelles as nanomachines
Fulpmes, Austria, 2009

S.W. Hell, Göttingen, Germany
Super resolution microscopy
Prague, Czech Republic, 2010

R.M. Caprioli, Nashville, TN, USA
Molecular imaging of tissue sections by mass spectrometry: Providing information beyond the microscope
Munich, Germany, 2011

Marianne Bronner, Pasadena, CA, USA
Regulatory analysis and imaging of neural crest formation and migration
Vienna, Austria, 2012

R. D. Goldman, Chicago, IL, USA
Intermediate filaments: Rare diseases provide insights into their cytoskeletal and nucleoskeletal functions
Prague, Czech Republic, 2013

R. Heeren, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Molecular scales: Imaging signals of disease with mass spectrometry
Prague, Czech Republic, 2014

Wendy Bickmore, Edinburgh, UK
Transcription, chromatin structure and nuclear organisation: cause and consequence
Vienna, Austria, 2015

T. Alexandrov, Heidelberg, Germany
Metabolite imaging enabled by mass spectrometry and big data analytics
Prague, Czech Republic, 2017

C. Cremer, Mainz, Germany
Nuclear genome nanostructure imaging at single molecule resolution
Prague, Czech Republic, 2018

*This is an updated list based on Gössner (2008).

Table 2 Reviews published by Robert Feulgen Prize recipients

C.R. Green, N.J. Severs, London, UK

Distribution and role of gap junctions in normal myocardium and human ischaemic heart disease

(Green and Severs 1993)

J.L. Carpentier, Geneva, Switzerland

The journey of the insulin receptor into the cell: from cellular biology to pathophysiology

(Carpentier 1993)

J. Oberdick, Columbus, OH, USA

Evidence for a genetically encoded map of functional development in the cerebellum

(Oberdick 1994)

M. Thiry, Liège, Belgium

New approaches to in situ detection of nucleic acids

(Thiry 1995)

R.W. Dirks, Leiden, The Netherlands

RNA molecules lighting up under the microscope

(Dirks 1996)

Eveline Baumgart, Heidelberg, Germany

Application of in situ hybridization, cytochemical and immunocytochemical techniques for the investigation of peroxisomes. A review including novel data

(Baumgart 1997)

E.J. Speel, Zürich, Switzerland

Detection and amplification systems for sensitive, multiple-target DNA and RNA in situ hybridization: looking inside cells with a spectrum of colors

(Speel 1999)

K. König, Jena, Germany

Laser tweezers and multiphoton microscopes in life sciences

(König 2000)

Jennifer Lippincott-Schwartz, Bethesda, MD, USA

The secretory membrane system studied in real-time

(Lippincott-Schwartz 2001)

J. Priller, Berlin, Germany

Grenzgänger: adult bone marrow cells populate the brain

(Priller 2003)

T. Misgeld, Cambridge, MA, USA

Death of an axon: studying axon loss in development and disease

(Misgeld 2005)

M. Nilsson, Uppsala, Sweden

Lock and roll: single-molecule genotyping in situ using padlock probes and rolling-circle amplification

(Nilsson 2006)

Ana Pombo, London, UK

Advances in imaging the interphase nucleus using thin cryosections

(Pombo 2007)

B.M. Giepmans, Groningen, The Netherlands

Bridging fluorescence microscopy and electron microscopy

(Giepmans 2008)

P.F. Lenne, Marseille, France

Probing cell-surface dynamics and mechanics at different scales

(Lenne 2009)

Heidi de Wit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Morphological docking of secretory vesicles

(de Wit 2010)

A. Römpf, Giessen, Germany

Mass spectrometry imaging with high resolution in mass and space.

(Römpf and Spengler 2013)

Y. Shav-Tal, Ramat Gan, Israel

Zooming in on single active genes in living mammalian cells

(Yunger et al. 2013)

T. Misteli, Bethesda, MD, USA

Deep imaging: the next frontier in microscopy

(Roukos and Misteli 2014)

H. Kimura, Yokohama, Japan

Visualizing posttranslational and epigenetic modifications of endogenous proteins in vivo

(Kimura et al. 2015)

Table 3 Scientists selected for the *Histochemistry and Cell Biology* Lecture

P. Friedl, University of Würzburg, Germany

Dynamic Imaging of Cellular Interactions with Extracellular Matrix

Delivered at the 12th International Congress of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry, La Jolla, CA, USA, 2004

(Friedl 2004)

W. Baumeister, Max Planck Institute for Biochemistry, Martinsried, Germany

Cryo-Electron Tomography of Cells: Connecting Structure and Function

Delivered at the 50th Symposium of the Society for Histochemistry, Interlaken, Switzerland, 2008

(Lucic et al. 2008)

S. Yokota, Nagasaki International University, Nagasaki, Japan

Nuage Proteins: their Localization in Subcellular Structures of Spermatogenic Cells as Revealed by Immunoelectron Microscopy

Delivered at the 14th International Congress of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry, Kyoto, Japan, 2012

(Yokota 2012)

A. Luini, Consiglio Nazionale Delle Ricerche and Telethon Institute for Genetics and Medicine, Naples, Italy

Correlative Video-Light-Electron Microscopy: Development, Impact and Perspectives

Delivered at the 56th Symposium of the Society for Histochemistry, Prague, Czech Republic, 2014

(Rizzo et al. 2014)

M. Sauer, University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany

Artifacts in Single-Molecule Localization Microscopy

Delivered at the 57th Symposium of the Society for Histochemistry, Vienna, Austria, 2015

(Burgert et al. 2015)

Table 4 Special Issues published by *Histochemistry and Cell Biology*

25 Years of Colloidal Gold Labeling

Editor: J. Roth, Zurich, Switzerland

Volume 106, issue 1, 1996

In Situ Hybridization and Related Techniques

Editors: H. Höfler, Munich, Germany and A.K. Raap, Leiden, The Netherlands

Volume 108, issues 4 and 5, 1997

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