### **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 60<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the journal) and 2018 ( the 60<sup>th</sup> 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 catecholaminesynthesizing 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 supressor 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 spectometry: 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

<sup>\*</sup>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. Römmp, Giessen, Germany

Mass spectrometry imaging with high resolution in mass and space. (Römpp 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 56<sup>th</sup> 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 57<sup>th</sup> 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

Centennial of the Golgi Apparatus

Editors: Margit Pavelka, Vienna, Austria and D.J. Morré, West Lafayette, IN, USA Volume 109, issues 5 and 6, 1998

Histochemistry in Gene Technology

Editors: F.T. Bosman, Lausanne and J. Roth, Zurich, Switzerland

Volume 115, issue 1, 2001

Secretion, Endocytosis, Quality Control

Editors: Margit Pavelka, Vienna, Austria and J. Roth, Zurich, Switzerland

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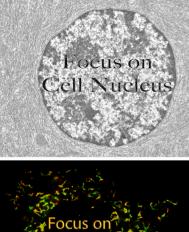
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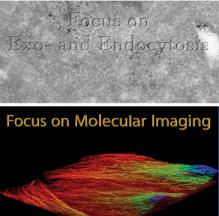




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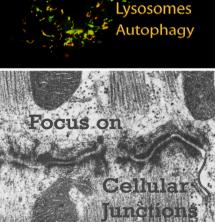
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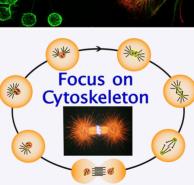


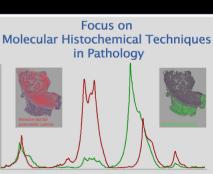
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