

## CHAPTER 11 PUBLICATIONS

### History of *Lloydia* and the *Journal of Natural Products*

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#### Introduction

The forerunner of the *Journal of Natural Products* was *Lloydia*, first published in 1938 by the Lloyd Library and Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio. This institution was founded by John Uri Lloyd, and supported by his brothers Curtis Gates Lloyd and Nelson Ashley Lloyd. Dr. Theodor K. Just was the founding editor of *Lloydia*, and he served in this role until his death in 1960. The American Society of Pharmacognosy (ASP) first became associated with *Lloydia* shortly after the founding of the Society in 1959, with Arthur Schwarting's tenure as Editor. Originally a quarterly publication, *Lloydia* appeared bimonthly in 1975. The title of the Journal was changed to the *Journal of Natural Products* in 1979, when Jack L. Beal was Editor. Under the stewardship of the next Editor, James E. Robbers, the *Journal of Natural Products* became a monthly publication in 1992. A further major change was made in 1996, with A. Douglas Kinghorn as Editor, when the American Chemical Society (ACS) and ASP began to co-publish the *Journal of Natural Products*. The following sections of this chapter are arranged to describe progress made under the five editors of *Lloydia* and the *Journal of Natural Products*, in turn. This chapter is current up to the first part of 2008.

#### Dr. Theodor K. Just (Editor, 1938-1959)

The first issue of *Lloydia* was published by the Lloyd Library of Natural History in December 1938, and was subtitled as "A Quarterly Journal of Biological Science." The very first article was by R.E. Diettert of Montana State University, Missoula, MO.<sup>1</sup> Well known taxonomists, like Arthur Cronquist of the New York Botanical Garden, published in *Lloydia* quite soon after its founding.<sup>2</sup> From its beginning, there was a strong focus on mycology, with the first such paper being by A.H. Smith and L.R. Hesler in 1939.<sup>3</sup> The focus in the early years of *Lloydia* was not only on technical papers but also on science education, such as "The Relationship of Pharmacy to Botany" by B.V. Christensen of Ohio State University (OSU), College of Pharmacy.<sup>4</sup> The first phytochemical screening paper including a fractionation scheme in *Lloydia* was that by G.R. Noggle, of the University of Virginia, appearing in 1947.<sup>5</sup> In the same year, the initial paper in the journal on biological screening was published by C.F. Spencer and co-authors (inclusive of the celebrated biochemist, Karl Folkers), from the Research Laboratories of Merck & Co., Rahway, NJ and the Merck Institute for Therapeutic Research, Rahway, NJ.<sup>6</sup>

During the 1950s, the main focus of *Lloydia* continued to be taxonomic, and the journal gradually included more papers by authors outside of the United States. The first chemical structures in the journal were those of thebaine, isothebaine, and oripavine, in a paper by R.F. Dawson and C. James, of Columbia University, New York.<sup>7</sup> Two papers were published concerning resources available at the Lloyd Library<sup>8a</sup> and in the Lloyd Herbarium,<sup>8b</sup> respectively.

Members of the ASP may not be so familiar with the first Editor of *Lloydia*, Theodor K. Just, when compared with subsequent Editors of *Lloydia* and the *Journal of Natural Products*. He was born in Austria, and received a Ph.D. degree from the University of Vienna in 1928. He moved

to the US shortly after graduation, and joined the faculty of the University of Notre Dame, where he eventually became Head of the Department of Biology. He moved to the Chicago Natural History Museum (now the Field Museum) in 1946, becoming the Chief Curator of the Department of Botany in 1947. In a published obituary, he was praised for both his “outstanding scholarship” and his “consistently cheerful personality.”<sup>9</sup> For most of his tenure as Editor, he was assisted by Associate Editor John H. (“J. H.”) Hoskins, who passed away in 1957.<sup>10</sup>

### **Dr. Arthur E. Schwarting (Editor, 1960-1976)**

The first issue of *Lloydia* edited by Arthur E. Schwarting of the University of Connecticut (UConn), appeared with a publication date of March 1960 (although actually published in December, 1960). But how did this new publication between the fledgling ASP and the Lloyd Library and Museum of Cincinnati, Ohio come about?<sup>11</sup> One of the objectives of this newly formed scientific society, as stated by the first President, Varro E. (Tip) Tyler, was to “promote the publication of meritorious research.” An *ad hoc* Publications Committee constituted by President Tyler surveyed opinion as to whether a journal published by the Society in the area of pharmacognosy would be desirable, and the responses obtained were overwhelmingly positive. This committee contacted various commercial publishers to determine their potential interest in publishing a journal. Tyler also wrote a letter of inquiry to Mrs. Corinne Miller Simons, Librarian at the Lloyd Library and Museum, Cincinnati. She indicated that the time was opportune for a potential publication arrangement, because of the illness of the then-Editor of *Lloydia*, Theodor Just. Norman Farnsworth met with Mrs. Simons and other representatives of the Lloyd Library and Museum in May 1960, and made a presentation at the 1960 ASP Annual Meeting in Boulder, Colorado, in support of this joint enterprise. It was agreed by the ASP Executive Committee to work together with the Lloyd Library and Museum, and so, after a constitutional amendment, a Publications Committee was set up, with an Editor as Chair, and several additional members constituting an Editorial Advisory Board, all to serve a renewable five-year term of office. ASP President Tyler and William Anderson, President of the Lloyd Library and Museum Trust, signed “A Statement of Principles Regarding the Publication of *Lloydia*,” which became the publication of the Lloyd Library and Museum and the American Society of Pharmacognosy, effective from January 1, 1961, and was printed by the Spahr and Glenn Company, Columbus, Ohio. This journal was intended to have an international scope and was “devoted to Pharmacognosy, Botany and the Allied Biological Sciences.” Papers could be in one of several languages, provided there was an abstract in English.<sup>12</sup> Schwarting was appointed as Editor, with the initial members (inclusive of an international representation) of the Editorial Advisory Board being C.J. Alexopoulos, W.E. Anderson, W.H. Camp, B. Douglas, J.W. Fairbairn, N.R. Farnsworth, A.W. Galston, M.R. Gibson, R. Hegnauer, K. Mothes, R. Paris, E. Ramstad, F. Sandberg, E. Smith, V.E. Tyler Jr., H.W. Youngken Jr., and H.W. Youngken Sr. Other persons who also served on the Editorial Advisory Board of *Lloydia* during Schwarting’s time as Editor were H.E. Bigelow, J.M. Bobbit, L.R. Brady, R.W. Doskotch, W.C. Evans, H.G. Floss, L. Hörhammer, M.H. Malone, K. Mothes, M.W. Quimby, R. E. Schultes, E. Steinegger and G.H. Svoboda. William Kelleher, also of the UConn, served as Associate Editor (1971-76).

Since the last issue of *Lloydia* had appeared in December, 1959, Schwarting completed four issues of volume 23 for 1960, even though he officially was appointed as Editor of *Lloydia* only with effect from January 1961. While some of the papers therein must have been commissioned by Just, a major change in their research focus quickly became evident.<sup>13</sup> The early papers of several long-term projects were published in the initial volumes of *Lloydia* edited by

Schwarting,<sup>e.g.,14</sup> and several pivotal reviews appeared.<sup>e.g.,15</sup> Beginning in 1964, review articles based on presentations at the ASP Annual Meeting were introduced in the Journal, and the ASP sponsored a symposium on *Catharanthus* alkaloids at the University of Pittsburgh that year, with Gordon H. Svoboda writing an overview.<sup>16</sup> In addition, the abstracts of an ASP meeting were included for the first time in the Journal. Other topics of the various symposia covered in the Journal around this time were chemotaxonomy (1965), hallucinogens (1966), natural products and chemotherapy (1967), biosynthesis (1968), and marine biomedicinals (1969). All of these symposia and their written proceedings served in large part to introduce leading natural product scientists to the activities of the ASP and to the quality of *Lloydia* as a scientific publication.

Other highlights during the rest of Schwarting's editorial tenure in the 1970s included the completion of eleven review articles and an index by Jonathan Hartwell, of the US National Cancer Institute entitled "Plants Used against Cancer. A Survey."<sup>15h-1,17</sup> Volume 33 contained a voluminous supplement entitled "Alkaloid-bearing Plants and Their Contained Alkaloids 1957-1968," by Willaman and Li.<sup>18</sup> Other major reviews included several articles on alkaloids by Norman Bisset and coauthors,<sup>19a-e</sup> Geoffrey Cordell,<sup>19f</sup> and Hélène Guinaudeau, Michel Leboeuf, and Andre Cavé.<sup>19g</sup> In 1975, *Lloydia* began to appear six times per year. In an excellent article entitled "Arthur E. Schwarting – an Appreciation," Varro Tyler detailed the major role he had taken in transforming *Lloydia* as Editor.<sup>20</sup>

#### **Dr. Jack L. Beal (Editor, 1977-1983)**

Jack Beal, of the College of Pharmacy at OSU became Editor of *Lloydia* in 1977, with his wife Earlene as Editorial Assistant. New Editorial Advisory Board members at this time were Lynn Brady, Erich Heftmann, David Phillipson, Jack Rosazza, Paul Schiff, Arthur Schwarting, Maurice Shamma, Yuzuru Shimizu, and Hildebert Wagner. Other additions to this group during Beal's time as Editor were Geoff Cordell, Dietlef Gröger, Koji Nakanishi, Tom Mabry, Bill Pelletier, Pierre Potier, Henry Rapoport, Ken Rinehart, and Arthur Schwarting. Although the words "*Journal of Natural Products*" had appeared on the cover since 1970, the primary title was still "*Lloydia*." Beginning with volume 42 in 1979, the Journal title was changed to the "*Journal of Natural Products (Lloydia)*."<sup>21</sup> A new cover was unveiled in "Pharmacognosy green," showing an illustration of *Datura stramonium*, with the structures of a  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotic (R-group unspecified), vincristine, and atropine. The Journal continued to be published by ASP and the Lloyd Library and Museum. David Kingston, of the Department of Chemistry, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, became Book Review Editor in 1979.

The editorial content of the Journal at this time became progressively more focused on research articles rather than reviews. It was common for authors to present their work as multiple reports on the same theme, as, for example, various types of alkaloids,<sup>22</sup> and potential natural product anticancer agents.<sup>23</sup> Numerous reviews were published during the editorial tenure of Beal, and were largely based on proceedings from ASP Annual Meetings.<sup>24</sup>

#### **Dr. James E. Robbers (Editor, 1984-1993; volumes 47-56)**

For the January-February 1984 issue of the *Journal of Natural Products*, James E. Robbers of the School of Pharmacy and Pharmacal Sciences, Purdue University took over as Editor. Robbers was assisted by two new Associate Editors, Jerry McLaughlin, also of Purdue University, and David Kingston, who also retained his former position as Book Review Editor. Ms. Susan Stites, representing Spahr & Glenn, continued to serve as Managing Editor, and Virginia Tyler as the Editor's Secretary. Several new members of the 24-member Editorial

Advisory Board were in evidence, namely, Jack Beal, John Cassady, William Kelleher, Edward Leete, Bob Pettit, Henry Rapoport and Rob Verpoorte. In 1989, half-way through Robbers' editorship, Ching-jer Chang, William Fenical, Ushio Sankawa and Frank Stermitz were added as members of this same group, which increased in number to 25. In 1991, Richard Powell of the National Center for the Agricultural Utilization Research, USDA, ARS, Peoria, Illinois became a third Associate Editor. For volumes 52-58 (1989-1995), a new cover illustration was used, showing the structure of the benzophenanthridine alkaloid, sanguinarine. The six issues of the Journal per year were each becoming of considerable girth, and thus the Journal became a monthly publication with effect from volume 55 in January, 1992.

During the years 1984-1993, the *Journal of Natural Products* became very similar in editorial content to what it is today, and many important research articles were published, with an increasing emphasis on marine natural products chemistry. However, considerable space was devoted once again to the inclusion of detailed review articles on selected major classes of secondary metabolites, with specific physical and spectroscopic information listed in order to assist in compound identification.<sup>25</sup> Other reviews published in the Journal during the editorial tenure of Robbers were general stimulus articles.<sup>26</sup> It was possible to include reviews based on symposium and plenary lectures presented at recent ASP Annual Meetings.<sup>27</sup> Reviews were based also on award lectures,<sup>28</sup> including the ASP Research Achievement Award<sup>28c-e</sup> and the ASP Young Investigator Award.<sup>28f</sup> Two other important editorial decisions made by Robbers were the discontinuation of Brief Reports on known compounds in 1988 and the introduction of Rapid Communications in 1992.<sup>29</sup> Tributes were published to John Uri Lloyd<sup>30a</sup> and Arthur E. Schwarting.<sup>30b</sup> In volume 50, members of the Editorial Advisory Board and the Associate Editors were invited to submit articles for the January-February 1987 issue. Several papers in the August issue of volume 56 were dedicated to the memory of an eminent recently deceased Editorial Advisory Board member, Edward Leete, of the University of Minnesota.

#### **Dr. A. Douglas Kinghorn (Editor, 1994-present; volumes 57-71)**

On the retirement of Robbers in 1993, Doug Kinghorn was selected as the new Editor from 1994, by a Search Committee headed by Lester Mitscher of the University of Kansas (ASP President, 1992-1993). Volumes 57 and 58 were once again published by Spahr and Glenn. Harry Fong, of the University of Illinois at Chicago replaced McLaughlin as Associate Editor, with David Kingston and Richard Powell remaining in their previous positions. This editorial transition was effected in large part by Doug Kinghorn and Harry Fong driving to West Lafayette, Indiana, in the Spring of 1993, before having a pep/sales talk with Jim Robbers and Jerry McLaughlin over lunch, and then returning to Chicago with the entire bound set of *Lloydia/Journal of Natural Products* in the trunk of their car!<sup>31</sup> Six new members of the Editorial Advisory Board were appointed, namely, Kuo-Hsiung Lee, Ken Rinehart, Jim Robbers, Paul Scheuer, Otto Sticher and Monroe Wall. Editor Kinghorn moved from the University of Illinois at Chicago to OSU in 2004.

Negotiations were underway with the ACS, Washington, DC, to take the major step of co-publication of the *Journal of Natural Products* with ACS.<sup>32</sup> This arrangement conferred advantages to each society, but it was a fairly lengthy consultation process. In 1992, an *ad hoc* committee, under the leadership of President Les Mitscher, began a feasibility study, and, in 1993-1994, an agreement between the two societies began to be formulated. Representing the ASP, these discussions involved a succession of Presidents (Les Mitscher, John Cassady, and Alice Clark), Treasurer David Slatkin, and Editors Robbers and Kinghorn. Primary

representatives of ACS were Robert Marks (Director, Publications Division), Charles Bertsch (Head, Journals Department), and Mary Scanlan (Head, Columbus Office), with other ACS senior officers notified of progress, including Ned Heindel (President ACS, 1994) and John K. Crum (ACS Executive Director). At the ASP Annual Meeting in 1994, held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the Executive Committee and the Editorial Advisory Board both endorsed the concept of journal co-publication. After approval of this proposal by the ASP members via a mail ballot in 1994-1995, ACS was asked to develop a budget and management plan for the Journal. A final version of an "Agreement for the Joint Publication of The *Journal of Natural Products*" was sent by Bob Marks to David Slatkin on June 14, 1995. Key provisions in the agreement were for the ACS to produce and print the Journal, and for ASP and ACS to jointly own the Journal by 2002 (after a lead-in period in which ASP would have majority ownership). The terms of the editorial appointments were specified for the Editor and Associate Editors, with 12 appointees by each society for the Editorial Advisory Board being nominated by the Editor. The Journal was run by a Management Board to set financial and editorial policy, with the initial members being Bob Marks and Charles Bertsch for ACS, and David Slatkin and Jim Robbers for ASP, with Doug Kinghorn as Editor being an *ex officio* member. (Subsequent members of the Management Board for ACS have been Robert Bovenschulte, Mary Scanlan, Anne O'Melia, Deborah Bittaker and Leslie Walker, with Jerry McLaughlin replacing Jim Robbers for ASP.) A few years after the co-publication of the Journal by ASP and ACS was instigated, it was indicated on the jacket inside cover that this arrangement was with the "cooperation of the Lloyd Library and Museum." However, in a letter dated March 4, 1999 to ASP Treasurer David Slatkin from James Huizenga and Michael Flannery (President and Library Director, respectively), the Lloyd Library and Museum concluded its relationship with ASP with effect from the beginning of 2000, because of a perceived divergence of goals and objectives between the two organizations.

Thus, the *Journal of Natural Products* began to be co-published by the ACS and the ASP in January, 1996 (volume 59). Progress made since then as a result of the co-publication has been rapid, and at times quite breath-taking! The Journal has benefited greatly through this arrangement in terms of the introduction of new technology involved in production and in sales and marketing efforts. Cover motifs of the Journal have been changed frequently, in order to highlight natural products of plant, marine, and microbial origin of contemporary interest.

The largest single enhancement in the Journal over the last 12 years of co-publication with ACS has been the new electronic capability. The Journal has had a web site for several years (<http://pubs.acs.org/jnprdf/index>), and with the adoption of the new "ACS Paragon Plus Environment" in late 2007, all manuscripts are submitted electronically. The current issue and all previous issues dating back to 1979 are available on the web. Articles are published electronically prior to receiving page numbers through the "ASAP" ("As Soon As Publishable") function, and each article has a graphical table of contents, of which some are very colorful. Other web features have included "Most Accessed Articles,"<sup>33</sup> "Hot Articles,"<sup>34</sup> information on special issues,<sup>35</sup> a "Cover Caption" (in which covers and their captions dating back to 2001 are included), and a "News and Announcements" section. In late 2008, an enhanced web site will appear for the *Journal of Natural Products*, with many additional features.

Following a suggestion by John Cassady (President, ASP Foundation Board), a new initiative was begun in 2001 with the inaugural Arthur E. Schwarting and Jack L. Beal Awards for the best research articles published in the Journal in 2000. The Schwarting Award is open to all papers, and the Beal Award is open to contributions submitted by younger investigators. A two-tier

selection process was instituted, with Doug Kinghorn and the three Associate Editors (Alice Clark, Richard Powell, and Fritz Schmitz in 2001) nominating two papers each for the Schwarting Award and one each for the Beal Award. Next, the ASP President (Bill Gerwick in 2002) selected a three-person *ad hoc* committee to make the final selections. The corresponding authors of best articles chosen as winners of the Arthur E. Schwarting Award to date have been Gerhard Höfle (2001),<sup>36a</sup> Michel Roberge and Raymond J. Andersen (2002),<sup>36b</sup> John W. Daly (2003),<sup>36c</sup> Sheo B. Singh (2004),<sup>36d</sup> Phillip Crews (2005),<sup>36e</sup> Christine Martin (2006),<sup>36f</sup> and Brent Copp (2007).<sup>36g</sup> In turn, the younger scientists chosen thus far as winners of the Jack L. Beal Award are Ben Shen (2001),<sup>37a</sup> Christie Bouros (2002),<sup>37b</sup> Nigel Veitch (2003),<sup>37c</sup> Yu-Dong Zhu and Dale Nagle (2004),<sup>37d</sup> Andrea J. Bourdelais (2005),<sup>37e</sup> Tom Prisinzano (2006),<sup>37f</sup> and Arthur Edison (2007).<sup>37g</sup>

The rapid expansion of the Journal as an ASP/ACS co-publication since 1996 has been facilitated by many capable colleagues who have served as Associate Editors and members of the Editorial Advisory Board. As of the end of 1998, both David Kingston and Harry Fong decided to relinquish their positions as Associate Editor, and were replaced in 1999 by Alice Clark and Francis (Fritz) Schmitz, with Schmitz serving as the first “marine” editor for the Journal. In 2002, Bill Gerwick took over from Schmitz, while John Cardellina became the new Book Review Editor in place of Kingston in 2003. In 2004, as a result of Clark’s appointment to a senior administrative role at the University of Mississippi, Daneel Ferreira became Assistant Editor. In 2005, Ferreira became Associate Editor, with Clark stepping back to become Assistant Editor. In late 2008, it is planned that Phil Proteau will replace Bill Gerwick as Associate Editor. New members of the Editorial Advisory Board appointed in the period 1996-2007 were Ray Andersen, Lars Bohlin, Guy Carter, Jon Clardy, Alice Clark, Phil Crews, John Daly, Bill Gerwick, Jim Gloer, Chris Ireland, Isao Kitagawa, David Kingston, Jun’ichi Kobayashi, Gabriele Koenig, Jerry McLaughlin, Gary Martin, Rachel Mata, Valerie Paul, Bernard Santarsiero, Ben Shen, Sheo Singh, Barbara Timmermann, Mansukh Wani, and Amy Wright. For volume 71 in 2008, the *Journal of Natural Products* has expanded its Editorial Advisory Board from 24 members to 30 members, and now has a highly international make-up, with new members from Africa (Michael Davies-Coleman), Australasia (John Blunt), South America (Vanderlan Silva da Bolzani), South Asia (Iqbal Choudhary), Southern Europe (Giovanni Appendino), and East Asia (Xiao-Jiang Hao). As a result, there is representation on the Editorial Advisory Board from a total of 13 countries in 6 different continents, making this truly global representation.

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## **History of the ASP Newsletter**

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### **Early Days**

In October, 1962, Editor (Arthur) Schwarting received approval to include two pages of Society news in the March number of succeeding volumes of *Lloydia*. The 'News and Events' section first appeared in the March issue of Volume 23 of *Lloydia*. In 1964, VP Melvin Gibson initiated and designed the ASP Newsletter which he thought was a good replacement for the 'News and Events' section which he had written for the two issues of Volume 26 (1963) of *Lloydia*. David Carew, Chair of the Publicity Committee, expressed special appreciation to Mel for his personal initiative in launching the Newsletter. Mel continued as editor until 1969 when Ralph Blomster took over. In 1978, Ralph formed an editorial board and divided the Newsletter into 10 sections (Editorials, Commentary, Letters, Meeting Reports, Articles of Interest, Book Reviews, Society News, Review Alerts, New Equipment, News and Notes), heralding a significant change from the old format which relied entirely on voluntary contributions. He also appointed correspondents representing various geographical areas in the US, Europe and Asia, which assured more timely and broader coverage of news and events.

### **The Reign of Joy (ASP Newsletter Editor, 1983-2002)**

In 1983, Joy Reighard became editor, serving a surprisingly long tenure of 20 years from 1983-2002. She was appointed by President Paul Schiff, Jr., and was involved in making the Newsletter more professional using desktop publishing software. She also helped with the first ASP website. As former editors had noted, she found that a major challenge was getting information from members in a timely manner. The Newsletter comprised four issues (Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall), with issues containing important Society information relevant to the particular time of year, such as the call for applications for awards, advertising annual meetings, and the subsequent meeting reports. In 1993, Barbara Grissani joined Joy as editorial assistant, helping with editing and lay-out, and the implementation of style with input from Treasurer Dave Slatkin.

### **“Renuing” the Newsletter**

In 2002, Renu Misra was asked by President Pelletier to take on the editorship. What started out as a one-year commitment, developed into a four-year tenure. Renu brought her own style to the *Newsletter*, introducing a new layout and color palate using four seasonal colors for the four annual issues. She worked hard to incorporate more graphics to the *Newsletter*, and expanded the content areas. The *Newsletter* was sent out by US mail, and there were therefore budget constraints for both Joy Reighard and Renu, and Renu noted that she often had to struggle to keep the *Newsletter* to its 16 page limit.

### **ASP Newsletter Today**

After over 20 years of editorship by female members, Ed Kennelly assumed the position in 2006. Assistant Editor Amy Keller, an Associate ASP Member, provides vital assistance, and thus proudly carries on the tradition of females members contributing in significant ways to this all-important service to the Society.

