

To: the IFMBE Administrative Council

IFMBE News - EDITOR'S REPORT

1. The number of articles published in 2002 has slightly increased, and stabilised in 2003 at 15 – 20 contributions per issue (24 – 30 pages if printed from PDF format).
2. In 2003, the electronic version of the IFMBE News got the ISSN 1741- 0800. The ISSN enables tracking and citing of contributions published in the News.
3. From May 2003, the layout of the printable (PDF) version of the News has been changed in order to present the information in a more appropriate way for the BME community. PPL designs the HTML pages and offers language editing, and the PDF version is produced in the editor's office.
4. In order to increase the interest for reading and publishing in the News, at the FJC meeting in London, April 2003, it was decided to exceptionally print a limited number of the publication and to present it during the WC in Sydney. They will be at display in the IFMBE booth.
5. The editorial policy will be to bring the IFMBE officers and active IFMBE members closer to the members. Therefore, we will introduce more photos of contributing authors and from BME events.
6. New sections have been introduced (e.g. BME Education).
7. The News have regular chapters:
 - From the IFMBE
 - From the Societies
 - BME Education
 - Scientific and Professional Events
 - Student Activities
 - Book Reviews
8. We have continued in publishing reports presenting successful young scientists, award winners at different scientific events.
9. We would also like to increase the input for the News from the IFMBE Academy members. We expect that they could write interesting discussion papers in the field of special interest for the Federation.
10. We have also succeeded to reduce the delay in publication of the News on the Internet.
11. The statistics made by PPL on number of hits to the News site shows constant increase. However, the total number is still low compared to the number of IFMBE members. I will advise the Secretaries to better promote the Newsletters.
12. When the new, more flexible design of the IFMBE web site will be in function, the number of "information only" contributions will be reduced to allow more space for reports on scientific and professional activity.
13. Comments on the new concept and layout are welcome.

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