

Foreword

Within the space of a few months, the COVID-19 health crisis and pandemic, and the unprecedented economic downturn that followed, first halted and then changed how research is done in laboratories throughout the world. Science, far from being oblivious to the new reality, finds itself center stage, along with healthcare.

It is with enormous gratitude that I thank everyone on the Annual Reviews (AR) team who helped put together Volume 36 of the *Annual Review of Cell and Developmental Biology* (AR_{CDB}) under these challenging circumstances. As the devastating impact and fascinating biology of the SARS-CoV-2 virus so clearly exposes, we still lack a very basic mechanistic understanding at many levels of biology from the cellular to the organismal. The articles in this issue of AR_{CDB}, solicited before the pandemic, provide a welcome reprieve from the daily barrage of news and opportune headlines and allow the reader to dive into the biology and logic of cells and their communities. The Editorial Committee thanks all the authors who contributed to this issue of AR_{CDB}: Sviatoslav Bagriantsev, Philippe Bastiaens, Joseph Bedont, Bonnie Blomberg, Patrick Cramer, Alain Diaz, George Du Toit, Kristian Franze, Daniela Frasca, Denisse Garcia, Claudia Gerri, Mattia Giovannini, Alain Goossens, Elena Gracheva, O. Hamant, Emily Hatch, Kaitlin Homa, Daniel Iascone, Akiko Iwasaki, Rachel Kadzik, David Klenerman, Aneta Koseska, David Kovar, Elia Lacchini, Gideon Lack, Pulin Li, Kirsty Logan, Alice Lu-Culligan, John Maciejowski, Santha Mahadevaiah, Giovanna Mallucci, Wallace Marshall, Sergio Menchero, Andrew Moehlman, Sarah Mohr, Miratul Muqit, Kathy Niakan, James Olzmann, Sara Osman, Joseph Pucella, Boris Reizis, Melissa Roberts, Maria Romero, David Rubinsztein, T.E. Saunders, Gavin Schlissel, Amita Sehgal, Pawan Kishor Singh, Hawa Racine Thiam, Victor Turcanu, James Turner, Samik Upadhaya, Denisa Wagner, Peter Walter, Lan Wang, Clare Waterman, Siu Ling Wong, and Richard Youle. Their outstanding contributions give a multiplex outlook at the field of cell biology.

As part of an effort to support the research community during the pandemic, AR decided to remove all paywalls, making all of the AR journals freely available to everyone. The effect on usage was striking across the board; for AR_{CDB} alone it meant a threefold increase in the number of articles that were downloaded between March and June 2020, compared to the same time interval in 2019. This increase highlights the importance and potential impact that open access has on our readership. However, any open access model comes at a price: AR is looking for innovative funding mechanisms and has recently offered the Subscribe to Open (S2O) model to libraries for some of its journals. Due to the pandemic, a record financial crisis is having drastic effects on universities, institutes, and colleges, making a business model based on voluntary, institutional opt-in even more

challenging than in the past. So we ask for your help: If you enjoy browsing this or past issues and support access for all, we urge you to encourage your libraries to adopt the S2O model for subscriptions to AR.

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