EDITORIAL:
SOFTWARE SURVEY SECTION

The introduction of the new Software Survey Section to ANNALS OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING is to encourage the open exchange of information on software programs unique to bioengineering. With the rapid penetration of computers into academic and industrial institutions has come a parallel increase in the number of scientists and researchers designing their own software. The existence of much of this software remains unknown to even those of us who could most benefit from its use. We believe that it is of vital importance to our readers that such information be made available. We believe also that a professional journal is the best place to share such information. Your contribution would be most welcome.

The questionnaire on the following pages is designed to assist you in reporting on software that you may have developed or be in the process of developing. By completing this form, your information will reach thousands of your colleagues who may benefit from your work and may possibly offer suggestions for further enhancements to your software. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to:

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We do not intend to review or comment on the contents of the questionnaire. It will be published as is in order to expedite the information cycle process. I would welcome any comments you may have.

THE EDITORS
Title of software package: ____________________________________________

It Is: [ ] Application program [ ] Utility [ ] Other _________________________

Specific area
(e.g. Thermodynamics, Inventory Control)

Software developed for [name of computer(s)] ________________________________
in [language(s)] __________________________________________________________________
to run under [operating system] ______________________________________________________
and is available in the following media: [ ] Floppy disk/diskette. Specify:

  Size ______ Density _________ [ ] Single-sided [ ] Dual-sided

[ ] Magnetic tape. Specify:

  Size ______ Density _________ Character set ______________

Distributed by: ____________________________________________________________________

Minimum hardware configuration required: ____________________________________________

Required memory: __________________________ User training required: [ ] Yes [ ] No

Documentation: [ ] None [ ] Minimal [ ] Self-documenting

[ ] Extensive external documentation

Source code available: [ ] Yes [ ] No

Level of development: [ ] Design complete [ ] Coding complete

[ ] Fully operational [ ] Collaboration would be welcomed

Is software being used currently? [ ] Yes [ ] No
If yes, how long? ________________________ If yes, how many sites? ________________

Contributor is available for user inquiries: [ ] Yes [ ] No

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