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INFORMATION FOR JOURNAL OF COSMETIC SCIENCE AUTHORS

The JOURNAL OF COSMETIC SCIENCE publishes papers concerned with cosmetics or the sciences underlying cosmetics, as well as other papers of interest to Society of Cosmetic Chemists (SCC) members. In particular, the JOURNAL welcomes papers concerned with cosmetics, cosmetic products, fragrances, their formulation and their effects in skin care or in overall consumer well-being, as well as papers relating to the sciences underlying cosmetics, such as human skin physiology, color physics, physical chemistry of colloids and emulsions, or psychological effects of olfaction in humans. Papers of interest to the cosmetic industry and to the understanding of the cosmetic markets are also welcome for publication. The Editor relies on the advice of reviewers who are experts in the field in deciding whether a submission has sufficient scientific merit to warrant publication.

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The award consists of a framed certificate for each author and an honorarium to be divided equally among all authors, if applicable. There are no Honorable Mentions for this award. The Committee can recommend that no award be given in any year. This shall in no way affect future selections or the size of the award in future years.

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1) Rothman S. *Physiology and Biochemistry of the Skin.* University of Chicago Press; 1954:494-560.

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1) Gershon SD, Goldberg MA, Rieger MM. Permanent waving. In: Balsam MS, Sagarin E, eds. *Cosmetics, Science and Technology.* 2nd ed; vol 2. Wiley Interscience; 1972:167-250.

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