

AAPS PharmSciTech Update

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Significant changes have occurred in the appearance of *AAPS PharmSciTech*. The AAPS staff has been diligent in their efforts to enhance the quality of the Journal's home and article pages. This is a scholarly publication accessible to all AAPS members and is indexed in Medline/PubMed.

Submissions have dramatically increased in 2003. During the first three years, 2000-2002, 109 manuscripts were published. In the first half of 2003, submissions have more than doubled from that in 2002 (130% increase) and publications are up by 56%. Considering the number of manuscripts in the review and revision processes, our goal of 50 manuscripts in 2003 will be easily realized, quite likely by the annual meeting in October. Reaching this milestone of 50 published articles should justify inclusion in the Thomson ISI Journal Citation database, which calculates impact factors for scholarly journals.

AAPS PharmSciTech will follow *AAPS PharmSci*'s lead in establishing Theme issues. Two Theme issues have been identified. One is *Process Analytical Technologies* and the second is *Drug Delivery of Proteins and Cytokines*. The process for submitting articles to the Theme issue is the same as that for submitting regular articles. The same rigorous peer review will be used. The difference is that a Guest Editor(s) will be identified and solicitation of manuscripts will occur. For *Process Analytical Technologies*, Ajaz Hussain of CDER, FDA and Thomas Hale, Hale Technologies are co-editors. They have already begun collecting the papers, using the Arden House Program as a platform. Anyone interested in submitting a paper for this Theme issue is encouraged to contact Dr Hussain or Dr Hale. The Theme issue on *Drug Delivery of Proteins and Cytokines* will be co-edited by Pierandrea Esposito. Several workshops will be the platform for this Theme issue, such as the "Delivery of Cytokines" Satellite Meeting held in Torino, Italy as a part of the "Cytokines and Interferons 2002" International Conference. Basic delivery research and technology application in the field will be covered by this Theme Issue as well. AAPS Sections and Focus Groups can use the Theme issue approach to both promote and publish their workshops and symposia. Review articles will also be a focus of the journal. These will be included in

the regular issues but can be part of a Theme issue. Several Review articles are being evaluated at this time. The subject of Review articles will be covered more thoroughly in a future editorial.

In closing, I wish to extend my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to the Editorial Advisory Board and to the many scientists who have willingly and effectively served as referees. The journal would not be possible without your help. You have also made my task as chief-editor enjoyable.

Respectfully Submitted,
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