

## Editorial

Throughout the years the *International Journal of Pharmaceutics* has come to be well respected by the scientific community as reflected by the wide circulation and the substantial increase in papers submitted for publication to the journal. At the moment the manuscript flow has attained such a high level that it has been decided to increase the frequency of publication of the journal to twice a month.

As Japan's role in the rise of manuscript flow has become increasingly prominent, it has been decided to establish a receiving center in Japan as of January 1989.

We are therefore honoured and very pleased with the willingness of **Dr. T. Nagai, Professor and Chairman, Department of Pharmaceutics at the Hoshi University in Tokyo**, to become the **Editor-in-Chief** for Japan. Dr. Nagai has strongly supported the journal for some time and we look forward to a fruitful collaboration with him.

Within the pharmaceutical sciences itself, new areas of interest are growing rapidly. Because of their topical nature we have decided to create an opportunity in the journal for the publication of *Rapid Communications*.

*Rapid Communications* are short manuscripts which are timely, important and therefore demand short publication times. We trust that many will make use of this opportunity to publish urgent and revealing results of their research. (We refer to the next page for instructions to authors concerning rapid communications.)

We appreciate the assistance of those who have supported the journal in the past and therefore contributed to the success and prestige of the journal. We hope for their continued strong support and also invite others to become involved with the journal.

The Editors