

Preface

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Research on the use of particulate systems for advanced drug delivery is an important discipline of the pharmaceutical sciences field, being performed in many academic and industrial laboratories all around the world. Based on an initiative taken by Professor R.H. Muller (Department of Pharmaceutics, Free University of Berlin) and Dr G. Storm (Department of Pharmaceutics, Utrecht University), the 1st European Workshop on Particulate Systems (EWPS) was organised in Berlin in March 1997 (organised by Professor R.H. Muller and Dr J.E. Diederichs, Department of Pharmaceutics, Free University of Berlin). The aims of the EWPS are to stimulate joint research efforts, promote scientific exchange, and to co-ordinate research activities in Europe. The 2nd EWPS meeting was held in Paris on 22–23 May 1998, (organised by Professor P. Couvreur and Dr. E. Fattal, Department of Pharmaceutics, Université Paris-Sud). Members of the following European academic research groups participated in this meeting to present their current research strategies and activities.

University of Berlin: leader Professor R.H. Muller

Royal Danish School of Pharmacy in Copenhagen: leader Professor S. Frokjaer

University of Geneva: leader Dr E. Alleman
School of Pharmacy, University of London: leader Professor A.T. Florence

University of Paris: leaders Professor P. Couvreur and Dr E. Fattal

Utrecht University: leaders Professor D.J.A. Crommelin, Professor W.E. Hennink and Dr G. Storm

The present volume of the International Journal of Pharmaceutics contains short communications based on the lectures presented by members of the various research groups at this meeting. The 3rd EWPS meeting is planned to take place in 2000 in Utrecht (organisers: Dr G. Storm and Dr C. Oussoren, Department of Pharmaceutics, University of Utrecht).

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