

## Editorial

# 200th volume of the International Journal of Pharmaceutics

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The *International Journal of Pharmaceutics* celebrated its 200th volume early this year. Over 600 manuscripts are submitted to our offices each year, of which around 60% are published after rigorous peer review. The popularity of the *International Journal of Pharmaceutics* as a medium in which to publish is thus obvious. Each issue contains articles which are of value to researchers and teachers alike.

Pharmaceutics has changed over the years, but the core of the subject still revolves around the design, manufacture and testing of medicinal products in vitro and in vivo. The nature of therapeutic agents has changed with greater emphasis on macromolecular agents, vaccines, oligonucleotides, proteins but the fundamentals of characterisation and testing are still the time-honoured ones, only the technologies are different and more plentiful!

At the end of 1999, Prof. J. Michael Newton stepped down as Editoe. Mike was responsible first for papers from Scandinavia when Pat D'Arcy was Editor-in-Chief for Europe, and then later took responsibility for papers dealing with pharmaceutical technology. A profile author himself, Mike has rigorously defended the standards of the journal and we thank him for his contribution. It is hoped that a Festschrift issue of the

journal will honour his contributions to pharmaceutics as he retires soon from his position as head of the Department of Pharmaceutics at the School of Pharmacy, University of London.

A new recruit to the editorial team is Professor T. Sonobe of the Department of Pharmaceutical Engineering, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Shizuoda in Japan. Acting as Associate Editor, all papers from Japan and the Far East should be sent directly to his office.

Several special issues of the journal have been published, five in 1999 alone. The latest (Vol. 196, No. 2) was on Colloidal Drug Carriers and previous special issues have covered topics such as CFC and non-CFC metered dose inhalers, modulated temperature calorimetric techniques, liposomes and particulate systems.

We would welcome suggestions for further issues (or part issues) which may be based on a themed conference which otherwise might not be published. We would also invite readers to submit reviews (long or short) on topical issues. Occasionally we commission such reviews but normally we depend on suggestions from authors. We suggest that potential authors contact one of the editors about the topic for provisional acceptance. Reviews, like research papers are, of course, refereed.

All potential contributors are invited to read new Editorial Policy and take special notice that on submission of a paper a letter should be published. This will assist the editors, particularly when the paper in question deals with a subject that is widely researched, e.g. cyclodextrin inclusion complexes or PLGA micro- and nanoparticles, for example.

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