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Editorial

Our new USA editor: Prof. Diane Burgess



It is with great pleasure that we welcome Dr. Diane J. Burgess as the new editor of the *International Journal of Pharmaceutics* based in the USA. Dr. Burgess is very well known to the international scientific community, not least because of the prominent positions she has held in societies such as AAPS, of which she was President in 2002. She is currently Vice-President of the Controlled Release Society and will assume the presidency of that body later this year. Dr. Burgess holds a BSc degree in Pharmacy from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow and is a Member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. She earned her PhD in Pharmaceutics from The School of Pharmacy, University of London in 1984, and thereafter carried out postdoctoral research with Prof. S.S. Davis in the Universities of Nottingham and Amsterdam. She moved to the US as a visiting assistant professor of Pharmaceutics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before locating to the University of Illinois' Department of Pharmaceutics in July 1986. She left Chicago as assistant professor in 1992 for Storrs, Connecticut where she was promoted full professor in 1999. She is also adjunct professor in the Institute of Materials Science there.

Her credentials for her new role with the journal are impeccable. She was editor (Pharmaceutics) of the *AAPS Journal* from 1999 to 2004 and has been editor for North America for the *Journal of Drug Delivery Science and Technology* since 2003. She has been on the *IJP* board since 2004, on the boards of the *Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology*, the *Journal of Microencapsulation* and many others. She herself has published over 100 refereed papers on fundamental and applied surface and colloid chemistry, development of novel technologies, gene delivery, microspheres and emulsions. She has also authored and co-authored nearly 20 book chapters and has edited a book, *Injectable Dispersed Systems: Formulation, Processing and Performance* which was published in 2005 by Marcel Dekker, New York. Not only this but Prof. Burgess is also a dedicated and inspired teacher who has won those difficult to obtain student awards for her teaching prowess.

We welcome Prof. Burgess to her new editorial chair and we look forward to working with her to develop an already successful journal even further.

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