



## Editorial

Every two years, a group of academics with major interests in particulate drug delivery systems meet along with their research groups at the European Workshop on Particulate Systems (EWPS). To date, the participants have come from the Danish University of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Copenhagen), the Universities of Geneva, Paris South, Berlin, Utrecht and London.

In 2010, it was the turn of The School of Pharmacy, University of Paris South to host the meeting. In the past, selected presentations from the symposium have been published in a special issue of the *International Journal of Pharmaceutics*. This special issue contains papers arising from the Paris meeting covering a wide spectrum of topics, illustrating the growing implications of particulate technology in therapeutics and diagnostics. More specifically, the workshop reviewed the research activity of each of the groups in the field of nanotechnologies mainly focusing on the delivery of small molecules, particularly glucosteroids and anticancer drugs for the targeted delivery to inflammation or tumor sites, respectively, but also macromolecules such as oligonucleotides and siRNA.

We are indebted to Professor A.T. Florence and Elsevier for providing the opportunity to publish this selection of papers from the EWPS symposium and we hope that these contributions from a fast growing scientific area will be of interest to a broad audience.

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