

Editorial

Paradoxical though it may seem, success often brings its own problems. So it has been with the Journal during this past year, for the flow of submitted papers, exceeding expectations, has led in some cases to delays in publication that must be considered unacceptable. The recent move of the Journal Management System with one of the Editors-in-Chief from Edinburgh to Bradford has also contributed to the delays. The mechanism for review and subsequent editing of submitted papers has been critically examined and new procedures are being instituted that will, we confidently predict, significantly reduce the time between acceptance of a paper and its publication. In the meantime, on behalf of the editors, the editorial advisory board and the publishers I would like to apologise to those authors whose papers may have been delayed because of recent editorial problems. Please continue to send us the results of your researches in pharmaceutical and biomedical analysis, for we now have the measure of the problem.

During 1986 issues will be devoted to two symposia held during the past year — that on Analytical Methods in the Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences held in Camerino, Italy, last June and that on Doping Control in Sport held in Moscow last April. In addition to these we are looking forward to publishing the Plenary and Keynote lectures to be given at the Second Symposium on Drug Analysis being held in Brussels from 27 to 30 May 1986 as advertised at the end of this issue. This second symposium follows the highly successful one that was held in June 1983 and reported in the Journal (Vol. 1, No. 4). If you have not already registered to be present at this significant meeting there may yet be time to do so — I look forward to seeing you there.

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