

Editorial

It is hard to think of an area of biomedical analysis more important or more rapidly developing than immunoassays, so the Symposium organised in Stockholm by the Swedish Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences was extremely timely. It was also a delightful and stimulating occasion. The SAS Arlandia Hotel, strategically placed beside Arlanda Airport, provided ideal residential accommodation, an excellent and well-appointed lecture theatre, ample space for poster presentations, and much good food.

The 120 delegates heard a wide variety of papers on many aspects of immunoassay methods, ranging from the production of antibodies to the latest developments in labelling and detection systems. Review papers and up-to-the-minute research reports were ideally mixed, and as always the informal discussions inside and outside the lecture theatre were immensely valuable. The excellent efforts of the Local Organising Committee were rewarded by the positive response of the delegates, and it is a pleasure for the *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis* to publish some of the contributions to this excellent meeting.

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