

Editorial

The Journal was recently honored by an invitation from the Analysis and Pharmaceutical Quality Section of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists to publish the proceedings of its symposium on "Novel Detection for HPLC and Flow Detection Analysis". The symposium was held at the Fourth Meeting and Exposition of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists in Atlanta, Georgia, on 24 October 1989. It was conceived to cover recent advances in detector technology and was presented by recognized experts in the field. This special issue brings together the majority of the papers presented at the symposium session and is supplemented by several contributed papers that were presented either in Atlanta or at the previous meeting of American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists in Orlando, Florida.

The presentations at the symposium covered a wide range of recent advancements in detector technology including chemiluminescence, laser-based detection systems, computer aided multi-channel detectors and post-column photolysis for the enhancement of electrochemical detection. The symposium itself was very well attended and the presentations were of the highest quality. The keen interest shown in detector technology pre-

sumably reflects the wide-spread application of liquid chromatography in the pharmaceutical sciences and the continuing need for more sensitive and selective analytical methodology.

Although the Analysis and Pharmaceutical Quality Section of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists is dedicated to the promotion of pharmaceutical analysis and enjoys an international reputation for the production of symposia of the highest quality, this is the first time that the section has chosen to publish the proceedings of a symposium. Therefore, it is a particular pleasure to publish the present symposium issue as a permanent record of the high quality of science presented in Atlanta. This issue of the Journal follows previous special issues containing papers from the 1989 Pittsburgh Conference, also held in Atlanta, and the Third International Symposium of the Belgian Society of Pharmaceutical Sciences, held in Antwerp in May 1989. These issues reflect our continuing commitment to bring our readers reports of high quality meetings organized by professional bodies throughout the scientific world.

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