

Editorial

This issue starts the 10th volume of the *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis*. Since the first issue in 1983, there have been many changes both in the *Journal* and in the world of pharmaceutical analysis. From a quarterly the *Journal* has developed into a monthly publication in double-column format, edited both in Europe and North America. There have been changes too in the field of analytical science itself—the micro-computer revolution described by Professor Tom O'Haver in the first issue has made its impact in all aspects of analysis, and continues to do so. This and many other developments have been documented in the regular series of special issues, primarily based on high quality international meetings, covering: 'Liquid Chromatography in the Biomedical Sciences' (Ronneby, Sweden, 1984), 'Immunoassays' (Arlanda, Sweden, 1986), 'Biomedical Applications of Liquid Chromatography' (Bradford, UK, 1987), 'Biomolecules—Analytical Options' (Sollentuna, Sweden, 1988), 'Modern Analytical Technology in Pharmaceutical Analysis' (Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 1989), 'Chemometrics' (Stockholm, Sweden, 1990).

The *Journal* has also been pleased to publish the proceedings of the important 'International Symposium on Drug Analysis', organized with great efficiency every 3 years by the Société Belge des Sciences Pharmaceutiques in Brussels (1983 and 1986), Antwerp (1989) and this year in Liège. This major series is complemented by the 'International Symposium on Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis', initiated by the Editorial Board of this *Journal* in Barcelona, Spain (1987), York, UK (1990) and most recently in Boston, USA (1991). The substantial issues of refereed proceedings emanating from both these series of Symposia attest to the strength of scientific activity in the field of pharmaceutical and biomedical analysis. These meetings have done much to establish high standards for scientific achievement in the field, which indeed was and continues to be one of the primary objectives in developing this *Journal*.

During the past 10 years there have been many changes too among the leading scientists active in the field of pharmaceutical and biomedical

analysis. We note with deep regret the loss of Professor Takeru Higuchi (Lawrence, Kansas) in March 1987, leaving the world of pharmaceutical chemistry much the poorer. The loss of Dr 'Johnny' Johnson (London) in May 1988 deprived the world of pharmaceutical analysis of one of its leading and most charismatic figures. Dr C. A. Johnson served as the first Chairman of the Editorial Advisory Board of this *Journal*. In January 1989 Professor Roland W. Frei (Amsterdam) passed away, depriving the world of separation science of one of its most articulate and innovative leaders. More recently the loss of Professor Gaston J. Patriarche (Brussels) in March 1991 was a source of deep regret to all his friends and admirers, particularly in the field of electrochemical analysis, to which he made a distinguished contribution. The passing of Professor Göran Schill (Uppsala) in March 1992 has deprived the world of separation science of one of the major figures responsible for outstanding contributions to our understanding of ion-pair chromatography. It is appropriate that tribute be paid to the life and work of Professor Patriarche and Professor Schill in the Memorial Sessions organized on Electroanalysis and on Chiral Separations at the Liège Symposium in May 1992.

The Editors and the Advisory Board are privileged to acknowledge the active co-operation of a number of professional associations during the past decade: the Société Belge des Sciences Pharmaceutiques, the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, the Chromatographic Society and the Swedish Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Recently the Analysis and Pharmaceutical Quality Control Section of the AAPS has adopted the *Journal* as its official publication. We extend our thanks to these organisations, and to their principal officers, for their support and scientific contributions to the development of the *Journal*.

Finally, it is a pleasure to acknowledge the contributions of our Associate Editors, of the Editorial Advisory Board Members past and present, and of many hundreds of Referees worldwide who have given generously of their time in

reviewing and correcting articles for publication. We wish to recognize the contributions of those Editorial Board Members who retire by rotation, and welcome those new members who join the Board with this issue. We look forward with pleasure to

continuing, with the help of our international friends and advisers, to develop the *Journal* as a major contributor to advances and developments in the pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences.

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