

Editorial

As we enter the 11th year of publication we should like to express our thanks as Editors to the many scientists throughout the world who have contributed to this journal as Authors, Reviewers or as Advisors to the Editorial Board, and in some cases as all three. We also wish to welcome the new members of the Editorial Advisory Board with this issue.

The Editorial Team is based on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean and 1993 marks the fifth anniversary of the opening of the North American Office on the campus of the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas. This year also marks the second year of our affiliation with the Analysis and Pharmaceutical Quality Section (APQ) of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) which adopted the *Journal* as its official publication in 1992. The *Journal* looks forward to strengthening its Association with the AAPS in general and with the APQ section in particular. Readers can look forward to reading about activities of the APQ section, through its Newsletter, which will be reproduced in the *Journal* every 6 months. In addition, we hope that production of the special issue of the *Journal* containing refereed papers presented at the APQ Section's poster, podium and symposium sessions of the annual AAPS Meeting and Exposition will become a regular feature of the *Journal*. In this regard, papers from the Seventh Annual Meeting and Exposition of the AAPS held in November 1992 will be published later this year.

The recent affiliation of the *Journal* with the APQ section of the AAPS represents one of several collaborations that have developed between the *Journal* and professional associations around the world. We are particularly pleased to report on our continuing successful association with the Société Belge des Sciences Pharmaceutiques, through the recent publication of the Proceedings of the Fourth International Symposium on Drug Analysis, which was held in Liège in May 1992. We look forward to continuing the fruitful collaboration with this outstanding organization, in planning publication of the proceedings of their Fifth Meeting in this

series, to be held in Leuven, Belgium in September 1995.

For the past 6 years the *Journal* has been associated with a major series of International Symposia on Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis, initiated in Barcelona in 1987. The second and third symposia in this series were held in York, UK and in Boston, USA, in 1990 and 1991, respectively. These symposia will alternate between Europe and the USA such that the fourth meeting (PBA '93) will be held in Baltimore, USA in April of this year and the fifth meeting (PBA '94) will be held in Stockholm, Sweden in September 1994. In this we are delighted to continue our excellent collaboration with the Swedish Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences in planning and publishing this meeting, which will be organized 'back-to-back' with the Fifth International Symposium on Chiral Discrimination.

Plans are already under way to hold PBA '95 (under the Chairmanship of Dr John Stobaugh) in conjunction with the Sixth International Symposium on Chiral Discrimination in St Louis, USA in April 1995. We believe that the *Journal's* central role in publishing high-quality, peer-reviewed, papers presented at International Symposia both in North America and Europe represents an important process in establishing research in analytical technology as a major development area in the pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences. In this regard, the *Journal* will start this year to publish a list of the major international symposia and meetings dealing with drug analysis and related topics, to help readers monitor the latest developments. Discussions are already underway with senior Japanese colleagues to extend this international symposium series to cover the important scientific developments taking place in Japan and South-East Asia. This will ensure that all relevant developments will be covered periodically on a world-wide basis.

Finally, we are pleased to acknowledge the contributions of Dr John Stobaugh as Associate Editor of the *Journal* since 1988. Dr Stobaugh has played an essential role in the establishment

of the North American office of the *Journal*. His decision to step down as an Associate Editor to enable him to devote significant time to organizing PBA '95 in St Louis, is a matter of regret. However, we are pleased that Dr Stobaugh will continue as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board and we look forward to his lively contri-

butions at our annual meetings. We also wish to thank those members of the Editorial Advisory Board who retire by rotation, and we look forward to their continuing contributions to the development of the *Journal*.

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