



Editorial

As the *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis* enters its 12th year of publication, it is timely to reflect on the rôle that the *Journal* has played and continues to play in the development of analysis in the pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences. Our primary mission of course is to communicate advances in the fundamental science of analysis and its relevant pharmaceutical and biomedical applications in a fully refereed, high quality and concise format, for the benefit of the international scientific community. To further strengthen this commitment, the Editors have invited a senior Japanese colleague, Professor Terumichi Nakagawa, to establish an Editorial office in Kyoto, Japan, with the full support of our Publishers.

Professor Nakagawa will coordinate the processing of all manuscripts originating from South-East Asia and Japan, prior to rapid sub-editing by one of our anglophone Assistant Editors and/or by our Production Editor, Mr Paul Russell in Oxford. In this enterprise Professor Toshio Nambara in Sendai, well known as the Doyen of pharmaceutical analysis in Japan, will continue to give his invaluable support to the development of the *Journal* in that area, in his rôle as Regional Advisory Editor (Japan). Authors living in this geopolitical area are therefore invited to direct their articles to Professor Nakagawa in our new Editorial Office in Kyoto.

The international dimension of the *Journal* has been significantly enhanced by establishing the North American Editorial Office in Kansas some years ago, under the leadership of Professor Christopher Riley. Since that time the *Journal* has been adopted by the Analysis and Pharmaceutical Quality Section of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists. This gives substantial benefits to those members wishing to take advantage of low-cost subscriptions to the *Journal*. As part of our commitment to the scientific community in North America, arrangements have been implemented to invite the senior officers of the APQ Section to serve as members of the Editorial Advisory Board, and also to publish selected items from the regular APQ Section Newsletter in the editorial pages of this *Journal*. The following pages document recent developments of interest both to members of the

AAPS, and indeed to those outside North America who may wish to consider joining the expanding group of overseas members of that prestigious organization.

In support of our primary mission, a decade ago we embarked on a policy of publishing refereed papers from high quality Symposia on topics of direct relevance to the *Journal*, in special, blue-bound Symposium Proceedings issues. These are available to all subscribers as part of their regular subscription, and also as separate books. In this respect we wish to pay tribute to the outstanding series of Symposia on Drug Analysis, organized triennially in an attractive venue in Belgium by our colleagues in the Société Belge des Sciences Pharmaceutiques. Since 1983 it has been our pleasure and privilege to publish the important Proceedings emanating from this series of meetings, with the full support of our Belgian colleagues, many of whom have served and continue to serve as valued members of the Editorial Advisory Board.

We are delighted to inform our readers that the *Journal* will publish the Proceedings from the Fifth International Symposium on Drug Analysis to be held in Leuven, Belgium, from 12 to 15 September 1995 under the Chairmanship of Professor Joos Hoogmartens. This follows the highly acclaimed meetings held in Brussels (1983, 1986), Antwerp (1989) and Liège (1992). We look forward to a high quality scientific programme and the organizational felicity for which this Symposium series is justly renowned.

With organizations such as the Swedish Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences, The Chromatographic Society and the AAPS, we have also been fortunate in publishing the key papers presented at important meetings in Europe and throughout North America. Some years ago, in response to suggestions from international colleagues, the *Journal* established an independent series of meetings, starting with Barcelona in 1987. These are held regularly throughout the scientific world, moving between North America, the USA and, in 1996, Japan. The International Symposium on Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis has become established as a multi-national forum for the exchange of new ideas on analytical technologies and applications

focused on the *Journal's* main sphere of interest. This series is organized in consultation with a distinguished International Scientific Committee in order to ensure maximum complementarity with other international meetings, and in particular with the valuable series organized in Belgium by our Belgian colleagues. It is refreshing to note that support by the international community for all these international meetings has been, and continues to be, very strong both in terms of the number of delegates attending and also the high quality of papers presented. This may be seen in the last issue of this *Journal* [Vol. 11 (11–12), 1049–1366, 1993], which carried the papers presented at the successful Symposium organized in Baltimore by Professor Christopher Riley and his team in April 1993.

The next meeting in this series on 21–23 September 1994 will be the Fifth International Symposium on Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis, to be hosted in Stockholm by our colleagues in the Swedish Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences, under the Chairmanship of Professor Douglas Westerlund. This meeting has been organized 'back-to-back' with the Fifth International Symposium on Chiral Discrimination (26–28 September 1994) in the same venue, so that delegates can take advantage of the complementary Scientific Programme in a cost-effective and congenial manner. Looking further ahead, our American colleagues, Professor John F. Stobaugh and Professor Daniel W. Armstrong will organize a similar brace of tandem meetings in St Louis in April, 1995—of which more details later.

It would probably be fair to say that the *Journal's* international support for high quality meetings worldwide is synergistic with the dedicated monthly publication of the only international journal to exclusively focus on relevant aspects of the analysis of drugs and related substances. During the past decade it can be seen that analytical science has received significant and increasing recognition from colleagues in the pharmaceutical sciences. The Editorial Team recognizes the important rôle that the *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis* has played and should continue to play in that process.

At this point we would wish to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of our Editorial Team, who have helped with the English-language and scientific editing of countless articles submitted over the past decade. In the process of reshaping the management of the *Journal*, a number of our most loyal supporters

will now join the Editorial Advisory Board, where they will have a special rôle as expert Editorial Assistants when required, particularly for the refereed papers published in Symposium issues of the *Journal*. We therefore wish to recognize the contributions of Dr Alan F. Casy, Dr Alasdair G. Davidson, Professor Michael B. Evans, Dr W. John Lough and Dr Terry D. Wilson, all of whom have made an essential contribution to the development of the *Journal* during the past decade. As well as the appointment of Professor Terumichi Nakagawa as Editor (South-East Asia and Japan), we have appointed Dr Terry M. Jefferies as Deputy Editor with global responsibilities. Dr Harry G. Brittain joins the Editorial Team with special responsibility for Book Reviews worldwide, and also for commissioning new Reviews and Analytical Surveys emanating from North America. Dr Geoffrey Carr, Dr Marty Kral and Dr Geoffrey Smith will continue to give their expert anglophone assistance in the scientific editing of those manuscripts for which this is appropriate, together with other members of the Editorial Team.

This year a number of our Editorial Advisors rotate from membership of the Editorial Advisory Board, and we wish to thank them for their continuing loyal support for the *Journal*, both as Referees and as expert Advisors. In addition to the APQ Section representatives, we welcome a number of new members to the Board, nominated from among the very large number of Referees and Authors who have contributed to the *Journal*.

Finally, it is a pleasure to recognize the contributions of a number of individuals whose work 'behind the scenes' has been crucial to the successful development of the *Journal*. Mrs Mary Thornton (Bradford) and Mrs Nancy Harmony (Kansas) have given their invaluable secretarial skills to each of us in handling the burgeoning flow of manuscripts over the years. At Elsevier Science in Oxford, Paul Russell our Production Editor, together with Dr Helen McPherson and Dr Peter Shepherd on behalf of the Publishers, have done much to establish the smooth progress of the *Journal* to its present position as a truly international medium for the publication of high quality reports on analytical advances in the pharmaceutical sciences. To them and to all our supporters worldwide we extend our warmest thanks and look forward to a further year of progress in pharmaceutical and biomedical analysis.

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