



Editorial

This issue of the *Journal* continues our tradition of publishing papers previously presented at important international scientific conferences. It is our pleasure to publish here papers presented at the latest Annual Meeting and Exposition of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) held in Orlando, Florida on 14–18 November 1993.

In 1992, the *Journal* was officially adopted by the Analysis and Pharmaceutical Quality (APQ) section of AAPS. In 1993, AAPS members numbered some 7000, of which more than 1000 were members of the APQ section. The AAPS holds an Annual Meeting and Exposition, which has grown at the same rate as the Association itself into a major scientific event. The Orlando meeting was attended by more than 50% of its members, which is unprecedented for any scientific association.

At the Orlando meeting, the APQ Section sponsored Symposia Sessions on 'Accelerated and Stress Testing: Development of Protocols and Interpretation of Data' and 'Analytical Aspects of Female Hormone Regulation', as well as podium and poster sessions on a wide range of topics including 'Drug Substance Product Stability', 'Drug Product Package Stability', 'Chemical Characterization', 'Mechanisms', 'Stability', 'Validation', 'Chiral/Stereoisomer Separations (HPLC)', 'Capillary Electrophoresis', 'Metered-dose Inhaler Applications', 'Dissolution', 'Bioassay' and 'Drug Product/Drug Substance Assay'.

The next Annual Meeting will be held on 6–10 November 1994 in San Diego, where the principal theme will be Biotechnology. In addition to contributing to the main theme of the meeting, the APQ section will also sponsor Symposium Sessions on '*in vitro/in vivo* Correlations' and '*in vitro* Drug Release Testing'.

The papers from the latest annual meeting published here have been supplemented by other papers recently submitted by APQ members to provide a permanent record of the high quality of science presented in Orlando. This particular issue follows previous special issues containing papers from the previous Annual Meeting and Exposition of the AAPS held in San Antonio, Texas, in November 1992 and the 4th International Symposium on Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis held in Baltimore, Maryland in April 1993. Within the next year we plan to publish papers from the 5th International Symposium on Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis to be held in Stockholm in September 1994. These special issues reflect our continuing commitment to bring to readers peer-reviewed reports of high quality meetings organized by scientific bodies throughout the world.

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