



Editorial

As we move into 1995 may we wish our authors and readers a happy and successful New Year. We follow a very active 1994 in the history of the *Journal* with an even busier year ahead, when we look forward to the *6th International Symposium on Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis* in St Louis, Missouri (April 23–26), where many of our friends from far and wide will meet for what promises to be a stimulating 3 days under the chairmanship of Professor John F. Stobaugh (University of Kansas, Lawrence). Following the example of our colleagues in the Swedish Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences in organizing the highly successful Stockholm meetings in September last year, *PBA '95* will be closely linked with the Chirality Symposium (*ISCD '96 — St Louis*). Indeed, for the first time a joint Session has been set up to interface these two major meetings, when Regulatory Issues for chiral drugs will come into close focus. The Workshops before and after these Symposia will cover a range of fascinating practical topics and will amply justify an extra over-night stay, with the bonus of qualifying for air-fare reductions.

Later this year we look forward in Europe to the *5th International Symposium on Drug Analysis*, to be organized in Leuven, Belgium (September 12–15), by the Belgian Society of Pharmaceutical Sciences in partnership with the Catholic University of Leuven, with Professor Joos Hoogmartens as Chairman. This major international series has always proved popular with the pharmaceutical/biomedical analysis community, both in Europe and elsewhere, attracting record attendances and maintaining a very high quality scientific programme. It will be a pleasure to collaborate with our Belgian colleagues in bringing the Proceedings of this important meeting to our readers in one of the *Journal's* special blue-bound issues once again.

Also on the international theme, the *Journal* has now consolidated its base in Kyoto, Japan, under Professor Terumichi Nakagawa as Editor. He has had strong support from the

Doyen of pharmaceutical scientists in Japan, Professor Toshio Nambara, our Regional Advisory Editor, and from many senior scientists in Japan. In 1996 Professor Nakagawa with Professor Susumu Honda will host the first meeting of the *ISPBA* series in Japan, when he organizes *PBA '96* from August 20–23 in Osaka — an opportunity for all pharmaceutical/biomedical analysts in SE Asia, Japan and the rest of the world to contribute their recent scientific work to this forum.

In North America, Professor Chris Riley continues to provide a vital link with colleagues in the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, and the Analysis and Pharmaceutical Quality Section in particular, which has adopted the *Journal* as a benefit for all its members. Now the AAPS has conferred the title "*An Official Journal of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists*" on the *Journal*, which is recognized (together with others, including *Pharmaceutical Research*) as a publication of general importance at attractive rates to all members of that large and prestigious organization.

Recently Chris Riley accepted a new post as Senior Director of Analytical Research and Development with the DuPont-Merck Pharmaceutical Company in Wilmington, Delaware, where he moves from Kansas early in the New Year. He will maintain his active research links with the University of Kansas in Lawrence and continue to serve as our Editor in North America. The arrangements for handling manuscripts will now move to his new address in Delaware. We would like to record our sincere thanks for the outstanding contribution of his *Journal* Secretary, Mrs Nancy Harmony in Lawrence, Kansas. We are delighted that Nancy will continue to be associated with the *Journal* through special projects in the future.

Readers may be interested to learn that at Elsevier there has been some reorganization of management responsibilities for analytical journals, so from January this year we

welcome Dr Hans Laeven as our Senior Publishing Manager in Amsterdam. He succeeds Dr Helen McPherson, who has accomplished a superb task in ensuring that the *Journal* is well established not only in Europe, but also in North America, SE Asia and Japan. We offer our sincere thanks to Helen, her assistant Dr David Claridge and also to our Desk Editor, Ian Thompson, for their unfailing energy and support in developing the *Journal*. Production of the *Journal* will continue in Oxford, so there will be no noticeable changes as far as authors and readers are concerned. In the Bradford Office, Mrs Mary Thornton continues as our *Journal* Secretary, and our thanks go to her for her ever courteous and efficient service.

Finally, may we thank those of our Editorial Advisors who rotate this time from membership of the Editorial Board, for their continuing loyal support for the *Journal*, both as reviewers and expert advisors. In addition to the AAPS APQ Section Representatives, we welcome a number of new members to the Board, drawn from the large number of our authors and reviewers. To them and all our supporters worldwide we extend our sincere thanks and look forward to another stimulating year in the development of pharmaceutical and biomedical analysis.

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