



## 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 San Diego, California on 6–10 November 1994.

In 1992, the *Journal* was officially adopted by the Analysis and Pharmaceutical Quality (APQ) section of AAPS. In 1994, AAPS members numbered some 3500, of which over 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.

At the San Diego meeting, the APQ Section sponsored or co-sponsored Symposia Sessions on 'Recent Developments in Drug Release Methodology and Testing', 'In Vitro/In Vivo Correlations: Applications in Product Development and Testing', 'Solids: Mechanical Properties, Characterization and Applications (Part I — Fundamentals)', 'Solids: Mechanical Properties, Characterization and Applications (Part II — Applications)', and 'Application of Preformulation and Accelerated Stability to Scientific Formulation Design'.

The next Annual Meeting will be held on 5–9 November 1995 in Miami Beach, Florida, where the principal theme will be 'Accelerating Drug Discovery and Development'. In addition to contributing to the main theme of the meeting, the APQ will sponsor Symposium Sessions on 'Critical Issues in the Validation of Analytical Methods', 'Science of Technology Transfer: The Analytical Perspective', and 'Manufacturing Procedures for the Nutritional Supplement Industry'.

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 San Diego. This particular issue follows previous special issues containing papers from the previous Annual Meeting and Exposition of the AAPS held in Orlando, Florida, in November 1993 and the 5th International Symposium on Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis held in Stockholm, Sweden, in September 1994. We also plan to publish papers from the 6th International Symposium on Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis held in St. Louis, Missouri, in April 1995, and the 7th International Symposium in this series to be held in Osaka, Japan, in August 1996, plus the Proceedings of the 5th International Symposium on Drug Analysis held in Leuven, in September 1995. These special issues reflect our continuing commitment to bring readers peer-reviewed reports of high quality meetings organized by scientific bodies throughout the world.

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