



## Editorial

The papers published in this issue of the Journal were presented at the 1995 Annual Meeting and Exposition of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) held in Miami Beach, Florida on 5–9 November. This continues our tradition of publishing papers previously presented at important international conferences related to pharmaceutical and biomedical analysis.

In 1992, the Journal was officially adopted by the Analysis and Pharmaceutical Quality (APQ) section of the AAPS, and subsequently recognized as an Official Journal of the AAPS. AAPS membership now numbers over 7500, of which over 1100 are members of the APQ section. Each fall the AAPS holds an Annual Meeting and Exposition which has grown into a major scientific event in the pharmaceutical sciences.

At the Miami Beach meeting, the APQ section sponsored or co-sponsored Symposia Sessions on "The Science of Technology Transfer: The Analytical Perspective", "Characterization of Glycoproteins", "Critical Issues in the Validation of Analytical Methods", "Evaluation of Drug Properties Impacting Product Development", "Accelerating Analytical Contributions to the Drug Development Process", and "Manufacturing Practices for the Nutritional Supplement Industry".

The next Annual Meeting will be held on 27–31 October 1996 in Seattle, Washington where the theme will be "Contributing to Society". In addition

to contributing to the principal theme of the meeting, the APQ Section will sponsor Symposium Sessions on "In Process Testing of Pharmaceuticals", "Dissolution Calibration, Method Development, and Validation", and "Current Initiatives in Preapproval Inspections: GMP, GLP, GCP".

The papers published here from the latest Annual Meeting of the AAPS provide a permanent record of the high quality science presented in Miami Beach. This issue follows the tradition of previous special issues of the Journal containing papers from the previous Annual Meeting of the AAPS held in San Diego in November 1994, the 6th International Symposium on Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis held in St. Louis, Missouri in April 1995, and the 5th International Symposium on Drug Analysis held in Leuven, Belgium in September 1995. We plan to publish papers from the 7th International Symposium on Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis to be held in Osaka, Japan in August 1996 and the 1996 Annual Meeting and Exposition of the AAPS to be held in Seattle in October. These special issues represent our commitment to bring readers peer-reviewed reports from the premier meetings relating to pharmaceutical and biomedical analysis.

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