

## Preface

# The impact of enantioseparation techniques on the development and use of chiral drugs

This special issue of Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis focuses on the impact of enantioseparation techniques on chiral drug development and is dedicated to Professor Gottfried Blaschke on the occasion of his 65th birthday.

Perhaps there is no need to mention that Professor Blaschke is a member of the faculty at the University of Münster where he has led for more than two decades the Institute of Pharmaceutical Chemistry. Everyone working in the field covered by this journal knows Gottfried Blaschke who was among the first who widely explored the potential of enantioseparation techniques for the development and use of chiral drugs. In the early 1970s he started to apply liquid chromatographic techniques for preparative and analytical scale enantioseparations of chiral drugs. In the 1990s his group enthusiastically started to develop and apply capillary electrophoresis (CE) and later capillary electrochromatographic (CEC) techniques to biomedical and pharmaceutical analysis.

Although Gottfried Blaschke will be retired from the University he will certainly continue to be active in science. He is still full of new ideas and enthusiasm, hiring new PhD and postdoctoral students, buying new equipment, always ready to put on the lab coat ('Kittel') and work in order to further explore the mystery of the 'amazing thalidomide' along with many other problems.

We, the editors of the special issue, would like to express our sincere gratitude to the authors

who not only timely submitted their manuscripts for publication but also expressed their special feelings towards Gottfried Blaschke calling him an 'excellent scientist, a wonderful teacher and a good friend'<sup>1</sup> and thanking him 'for his graciousness'.<sup>2</sup>

On the occasion of his 65th birthday we would like to wish Gottfried Blaschke many years of successful scientific activity and good health with his wife Hildegard, his son Ulrich, his daughter Ute and her family.

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