



## Preface



It is my great pleasure and privilege to serve as the editor of this special issue of the *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis* dedicated to one of the former editors of this journal Professor Jacques Crommen on the occasion of his 60th birthday. Only very few readers of this journal may really need any introduction about Professor Crommen since he contributed immensely to the field of pharmaceutical and biomedical analysis not only as the editorial board member and editor of this journal, but in the first line as the great scientist, perfect mentor, excellent organizer and very dedicated and co-operative colleague and friend.

Jacques Crommen obtained his Diploma of Pharmacist in 1973 from the University of Liege (Belgium) and his impressive professional career is associated with his *alma mater* since then. He left the University of Liege for a short time in 1976–1977 to join the group of one of the pioneers of high-performance liquid chromatography, Professor Göran Schill at the Department of Analytical Pharmaceu-

tical Chemistry, University of Uppsala, Sweden. Jacques Crommen became Full Professor of Analytical Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University of Liege and the Head of the Laboratory of Drug Analysis in 1991.

Among other prizes and awards Professor Crommen is a recipient of the Biannual Award of the Belgian Royal Academy of Medicine (Section of Pharmaceutical Sciences) in 1985, Recipient of the Tswett Medal in 1995, Doctor *honoris causa* from the University Luliu Hatieganu of Cluj-Napoca (Romania) in 2010. He is a former President of the Belgian Society of Pharmaceutical Sciences (BSPS) (1994–1998), Chair of the International Symposium “Drug Analysis 1992” and chair of the International Symposium “HPLC 2007”.

With this special issue of the *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis* we would like to thank Jacques for his impressive contributions to the field of drug analysis, chirality, enantioseparations, electromigration techniques and many other areas of pharmaceutical and biomedical analysis. Although he is going formally to retire from the University of Liege we all know that he is full of energy and new ideas. We look forward with great interest to seeing his and his team's upcoming research results and hope that Jacques will also find time for enjoying his hobbies such as sports (especially jogging and tennis), photography and traveling.

I would like to thank all the authors and reviewers of this special issue of JPBA, as well as the team from Elsevier for their excellent support. In the name of all of us let's wish Jacques Happy Birthday!

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