



## Editorial

## In honour of the 70th birthday of Professor Sergio Pinzauti



On behalf of the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis* and the Publisher, Elsevier B.V. as well as on behalf of the pharmaceutical and biomedical analysis community, many colleagues and friends all over the world it is our great pleasure and privilege to congratulate Professor Sergio Pinzauti, Editor of JPBA on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Professor Pinzauti is among the *founding fathers* of our journal: He was member of the first Advisory Board as early as in 1983 when the Journal was established. His paper: S. Pinzauti, G. Papeschi and E. La Porta, *Potentiometric titration of thiols, cationic surfactants and halides using a solid-state silver-silver sulphide electrode* was published in Volume 1, Issue No 1. His invitation by the founders of the Journal was certainly based on the fact that he was (rightly) considered to have been among the leading personalities in pharmaceutical and biomedical analysis of that time. The series of his innumerable publications begun in the early 1970th with classical analytical (titrimetric) papers. There was a straightforward way from potentiometric titrations to the more developed branches of the electroanalysis where he was one of the pioneers of their application in pharmaceutical analysis. His and his group's interest soon turned to the application and chemometry-based optimization of the most up-to-date electro-driven techniques resulting in excellent papers up to the present time.

It is remarkable that all of Professor Pinzauti's scientific contributions come from his *alma mater*, the Pharmaceutical Faculty of the University of Florence where he is currently dean of the Faculty. Florence is memorable place for the drug analytical community: this wonderful town was the venue of the PBA 2004 Conference, expertly organized by Professor Pinzauti.

The five editors of JPBA from five countries and three continents are more than just the *Board of Editors*: When we come together every year and communicate with each other almost every day, it is our feeling that we are a (smart) *family*. If this is true, then – although he is not oldest member – Sergio is certainly the *paterfamilias*, father of the family. This rank is based not only on his longest-lasting service as the current Editor of the Journal, but also on his charming personality, his ability to create a good atmosphere around himself and last but not least on his fantastic expertise in selecting the best wines which is of immense importance when we have dinner together after the tiring editors' meetings.

This inaugural special issue of JPBA on Review Papers represents a tribute for Professor Pinzauti's scientific activities outlined above and an opportunity to congratulate him and to wish him not only many happy returns of the day but also continued and long lasting scientific activities for the benefit of the drug analytical community. The Editors wish also to express our gratitude for the authors of this issue, mostly Sergio's friends, including his disciples in his department who contributed the only Research Paper in the issue as well as the reviewers and the team from Elsevier (David Sleeman, Patricia Massar and Fiona Healy) who have contributed to the success of this special issue.

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