

The Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology 2006

As is customary, it is my great pleasure to summarize and comment on the activities of the *Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology* in 2006. This past year has been an exciting and evolving twelve months for the Journal and one in which the direction of the *JPP* has encompassed the strategies that were defined by the Editor, the Editorial Board and the Pharmaceutical Press at the start of the year. As in previous years, I would like to formally recognize the continuing support and goodwill that has been extended towards the Journal by many members of the scientific community, particularly in terms of submissions and reviewing. May I extend my sincere gratitude to all those people who have supported the journal throughout the past year and have been instrumental in maintaining the excellent scientific standing of the *Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology*.

This year the Journal continued to receive and publish high quality manuscripts in a wide range of scientific disciplines, namely Pharmaceutics and Drug Delivery, Biopharmaceutics and Drug Disposition, Drugs from Natural Sources, Molecular and Clinical Pharmacology and Biomedical Chemistry. Both the diversity and quality of manuscripts published by the *JPP* has preserved its status as a major (high class) journal for the publication of all aspects of the Pharmaceutical and related Sciences. The scientific community welcomes this subject diversity as it enables and facilitates the publication of interdisciplinary research. Indeed the *JPP* actively encourages the publication of interdisciplinary manuscripts. The success of the *JPP* over the past year has been due to a number of factors including the selection of the *JPP* by the authors for the submission of their (high quality) manuscripts and the excellent standards of reviewing of submitted manuscripts by conscientious reviewers. These continue to be two key features of the Journal. At this stage I would like to express my sincere gratitude to both the authors of manuscripts for selecting the *JPP* to publish their research and, in addition, to the referees who respond to my requests by providing excellent referee reports. I hope that both parties feel part of the *JPP* community and have great pride in the ongoing evolution and (high) quality of the Journal.

As in previous years, the *JPP* continues to publish a range of different manuscript types, including reviews, full papers and communications. The published (invited) reviews continue to grow in importance within the *JPP* and indeed this manuscript type is a significant contributor to the Journal, with at least one review published per issue. Furthermore, the importance of the themed issues to the *JPP* has continued to grow. As the readership will be aware, the themed issues encompass the publication of a series of invited original/review papers within a common research theme, which must be topical. The published papers are chosen to be of the highest research quality and are refereed in accordance with journal policy. The first themed issue was published in the September 2005 (*Drugs from Neotropical Origin*). The second themed issue was published in June 2006 and focused on *Challenges and Advances in Vaccine Delivery*. Once again multidisciplinary (often multinational) collaborative contributions from research groups in New Zealand, the USA, Canada, France, Denmark and the United Kingdom were published that described the design, formulation, characterisation, production and performance of novel systems designed to modify the immunological response. The topics of the papers in the themed issue were of great interest both to those directly in the specific area and also to those who have a general interest in novel developments in Pharmacy and Pharmacology. As the Editor of the *JPP* I am delighted by the positive response of the scientific community to this special issue. I must acknowledge the excellent and invaluable contribution of Dr. Yvonne Perrie, who proposed this theme and was responsible for the both the organization and coordination of the issue. Furthermore, I am grateful for Yvonne's ability to recruit leading, international research groups in this area to submit their research to the *JPP*. The readership of the Journal will be delighted to note that the third, and indeed largest themed issue to date will be published in the February issue of the *JPP*. The theme of this issue is *Applications of Novel Spectroscopic Techniques to Pharmaceutical Systems* (in conjunction with Professor Thomas Rades, University of Otago, New Zealand). Other themed issues are in the planning stages.

As all authors and reviewers will be aware, the *JPP* currently operates an online submission, reviewing and publication of manuscripts using the Editorial Manager platform. Using this system, the typical time from submission to initial acceptance for publication in the *JPP* is usually less than 10 weeks. At this point I must thank Mrs. Grainne Caffrey for her efforts in maintaining the online aspects of the journal. In addition, the role of the Pharmaceutical Press in the success of the online system must be acknowledged.

Finally, as in previous years, I would like to extend my thanks to the Editorial Board for the provision of outstanding support and essential advice over the past year. The commitment of the Editorial Board is essential to the smooth running, success and development of the *Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology*. In addition, I wish to acknowledge the

support of Ms. Natalie Lane from the Pharmaceutical Press for her invaluable expertise regarding the processing of manuscripts that have been accepted for publication in the *JPP*. On a personal note, I especially wish to thank Mr. Paul Weller from the Pharmaceutical Press who continues to show great passion, commitment and vision for the *JPP*. His invaluable support and great friendship are sincerely appreciated. Furthermore, I would like to thank Mrs. Grainne Caffrey for her friendship and her loyalty, commitment to, and hard work on behalf of the *JPP*. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers, contributors, referees and Board members a very happy New Year.

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