

The Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology 2011

At the end of another calendar year, it is once again my great pleasure to reflect upon and comment on the activities of the Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology in 2011. This has been another rewarding year for the journal, one in which the impact factor of the journal has increased, reaching an all time high of 1.918. This is due in part to the efforts of those involved in the management of the JPP, but I firmly believe that credit must be given to the continuing support and goodwill that has been extended towards the Journal by numerous 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. Essential to the success of any journal is the quality (and peer reviews) of submitted manuscripts. Accordingly, I would like to formally thank the authors who submit their topical and original research and to the reviewers who unselfishly provide scientifically impartial and detailed reports. I hope that both authors and referees have enjoyed their experiences with the JPP and will continue to support the Journal in the years to come. One other factor I believe that has contributed to the success of the JPP in 2011 is the energy and vision of the publisher, Wiley-Blackwell (on behalf of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society). Through the efforts of the publisher the JPP is now available to a wider circulation of readers, a feature that is augmented by other key features such as online publication ahead of print. These features have successfully combined to produce a record number of annual submissions to the journal, which will hopefully, in turn, continue to have a positive effect on the impact factor. The Editor wishes to formally record his thanks to the publisher for its contribution to the JPP's success in 2011.

The Journal continues to receive and publish high quality manuscripts in our core scientific disciplines (Pharmaceutics and Drug Delivery, Biopharmaceutics and Drug Disposition, Drugs from Natural Sources, and Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology). As detailed last year, two key features of the JPP have been changed in 2011. Firstly, the JPP has upheld its desire to publish papers that feature research that is at the interface of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology and secondly, the title of the Journal was amended to 'the Journal

of Pharmacy and Pharmacology: an international journal for advancing therapeutics.' These changes have been welcomed by the readership of the JPP and should facilitate the evolution of the journal and the differentiation of the Journal's vision from those of comparator journals.

As in previous years the JPP has continued to publish a wide range of different manuscript types, notably current and topical reviews, original research papers and communications. The JPP continues to publish at least one review article per issue, the vast majority of which have been commissioned either by the Editor in Chief or the Associate Editors. However, due to logistical issues, the JPP was unable to publish a themed issue in 2011. I am however delighted to report that two themed issues will be published in 2012, namely, *Recent Advances in Respiratory Pharmaceutics* (Guest Editors Professor Paul Young and Dr. Daniela Traini, University of Sydney) and *Recent Advances in Dissolution Testing* (Guest Editors Professor Jennifer Dressman, J.W. Goethe University Frankfurt and Professor Werner Weitschies, University of Greifswald). These themed issues contain topical, original papers and reviews by academic leaders in these fields and I predict that their quality will both enhance the quality of the JPP in addition to attracting a greater scientific audience. As in previous years I am always pleased to receive suggestions for special issue topics from board members or indeed from potential Guest Editors who wish to avail of the Journal's commitment to this feature.

Lastly, I would like to wholeheartedly thank the Editorial Board for their outstanding support and judicious advice over the past year. The commitment of the board is essential to the smooth running, success and development of the Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology. I would also like to thank Ms. Silvana Marciano for her support, advice and publishing vision. Furthermore, I would like to thank Mrs Grainne Caffrey for her friendship, dedication 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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