

## *Preface*

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Following an Editorial Meeting, about 30 months ago, it was decided to organise a Special Issue of this Journal dedicated to the thermal analysis and calorimetry of pharmaceuticals. The Guest Editors were somewhat reserved about sending invitations to all corners of the globe and waiting for the results of their callings. The reservations proved unjustified, and after receiving positive indications and papers, we knew, we were on the right path.

The 'Pharma Issue I' was planned to be published before the PhandTA 6 symposium (Monte Verita, Ascona, Switzerland, 2002). The Issue had been shown to attendants at the conference and had received a warm and positive reception. With this encouragement we decided to organise the Pharma Issue II, which was nick-named, 'Second Kid' of which we are now quite proud of.

By comparing the contents of both Issues it can be concluded, that the application of thermoanalytical techniques continues to be its general feature, i.e. papers which deal with drugs, polymorphism, excipients, compatibility and supramolecular systems.

We would like to express our thanks to the pioneer authors who helped edition I to be such a success. Some of these authors are continuing the good work, alongside new authors, who we would like to warmly welcome at this point and thank them for their very interesting contributions, which we are sure will help edition II along the same path as its predecessor. We regret to report, that one of them confirmed his contribution, had time to review a paper, but didn't manage to finish his own paper. Rest in peace Fabrizio Rodante...

It is our intention, to produce the 'Second Kid' before the forthcoming PhandTA 7 symposium, which will be held in Innsbruck, where Professors L. Kofler, M. Kuhnert-Brandstätter and A. Burger established a famous research centre for polymorphism and thermoanalysis at the Institute of Pharmacognosy (now Institute of Pharmacy) some decades ago. We would now like to wish our readers a successful symposium and cordially invite all of you to participate in the Pharma Issue III, which will be named 'The Traditions' and published in 2005, before the PhandTA 8.

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