

President's Note

AAPS AND PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH

With this issue of the journal, *Pharmaceutical Research* becomes the official journal of a new society, the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists. AAPS was founded earlier this year to provide pharmaceutical scientists in academia, industry, government, and other research institutions with an independent and unified voice.

The primary purpose of AAPS is to serve its membership, the pharmaceutical sciences as a whole, the biomedical and biotechnological community, the health professions, and the public interest by:

1. providing a forum for free interchange of scientific knowledge;
2. acting as a resource in forming public policy relevant to the pharmaceutical sciences and related issues of public concern;
3. promoting the pharmaceutical sciences collectively and providing for recognition of individual achievement; and
4. fostering the career growth and development of its members.

AAPS seeks the advancement and dissemination of knowledge related to discovery, design, analysis, production, quality control, safety and clinical evaluation, distribution, and utilization of drugs and drug-delivery systems.

One important way in which AAPS can meet its goals, as stated above, is to provide its members with an excellent medium for communication of scientific knowledge. Therefore, the association has elected to provide each of its members with a subscription to *Pharmaceutical Research* as a membership benefit. The primary objective of the editors of *Pharmaceutical Research* is to publish a major scientific journal of excellence in the pharmaceutical sciences, a journal of national and international reputation. This objective is shared by the Founders of AAPS. In addition, the journal will also serve the needs of the association by providing up-to-date association news, including meeting information, and by serving as an archival reference for the science presented at our national meetings by the publication of an annual supplement to the journal.

The acceptance of AAPS and *Pharmaceutical Research* as major forces in the pharmaceutical sciences has been overwhelming, and, of course, gratifying. AAPS received its

letters of incorporation on February 5, 1986. The association opened its offices in Alexandria, Virginia, on March 3, and mailed its first solicitation for membership on March 6, 1986. The association held its organizational meeting on March 20 in San Francisco, and, by April 7, AAPS had received 500 membership applications. On May 6, just two months after our initial membership mailing and 45 days after our organizational meeting, membership exceeded 1000. On July 21, as I write this brief introduction, AAPS has 1757 members.

Of course each of these new members, as well as others of you joining after this date, will receive copies of your association's journal, *Pharmaceutical Research*, effective with Volume 3, Number 4, August 1986. By the time you receive this issue, in terms of subscriptions *Pharmaceutical Research* should be among the top five journals in the world specializing in the pharmaceutical sciences. With your help, we expect that the already excellent quality of the journal will soon rank at the very top of the list in our field. The editors of the journal and the Founders of AAPS strongly encourage the active participation of each AAPS member in shaping the direction and assuring the excellence of *Pharmaceutical Research*.

These are exciting times for the pharmaceutical sciences. We hope that each of you will become active participants in our association and journal. We hope to see you at the First National Meeting of AAPS in Washington, D.C., November 2-6, 1986. If you wish more information about the meeting, please turn to the association news section of this issue of the journal or write to our offices:

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If you are not yet a member of AAPS, an application form can be requested by either writing or calling our offices [(703) 548-3000].

Once again, on behalf of the Founders and Officers of AAPS, we welcome your enthusiasm and interest in AAPS and *Pharmaceutical Research*.

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