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Editorial

The year 1992 marks an important turning point in the development of *Pharmaceutical Research*. Subscription to the journal has become optional, thereby granting AAPS members the freedom of choice among a growing list of publications. According to the long range plan of the AAPS, adoption of more Section journals will afford new opportunities to the AAPS, but it also poses challenges for *Pharm. Res.* as the flagship journal with the mission to provide a common forum for each Section and the AAPS as a whole. The Editorial board of *Pharm. Res.* will meet the challenge by a renewed emphasis on scientific excellence, striving for the journal of highest quality that can be attained in the pharmaceutical sciences. *Pharmaceutical Research* will continue to cover all areas of the pharmaceutical sciences, irrespective of the adoption of Section journals intended to meet special publication needs that cannot be accommodated in a more general journal.

With this issue we have implemented a new policy on the classification of manuscripts. All original research papers submitted to *Pharm. Res.* are either classified as a Technical Note or a Report, whereas subsequent classification as a full Research Article requires the explicit recommendations of referees and editors. Reports exceeding the recommended page limit must receive above average evaluations, but it is the prerogative of the editors to decide on the acceptability of a paper, with due consideration of the need to document all essential experimental details. Classification as a Research Article will be restricted to 10% of all papers published at the most, as a special recognition of extensive and important work. Such editorial judgments are subjective, and it will take time until the selection process is optimized and the requisite quality of Research Articles generally appreciated.

On behalf of the AAPS, I take this opportunity to acknowledge the tremendous contributions of each of the Associate Editors and the Editor for Europe. Their commitment and time-consuming efforts are essential to the success of the journal, and it speaks for the stature of AAPS that such outstanding individuals have assumed responsibility as editors, without any personal remuneration. After serving as a tremendously energetic Associate Editor for Biotechnology, Dr. Bobbe Ferrailo has changed position and will now share the responsibility as Associate Editor of Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacodynamics and Drug Metabolism with Dr. Robert J. Wills. The new BIOTEC editor is Dr. Randall J. Mursny, from Genentech, Inc. Welcome on the editorial board, Randy (last name to be pronounced Mursny).

My thanks also extend to the many referees and the editorial advisory board. Without their continuing assistance, the quality of *Pharm. Res.* cannot be assured. In recognition of their work, a list of all referees for October '90 through September '91 was published in the previous issue. (European referees will be acknowledged in the next issue.)

Pharmaceutical Research is continuing to grow, and the page volume for 1992 has been increased to 1632. I am looking forward to another challenging and rewarding year.

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