



Editorial

The collection of contributions to this special volume on Current Issues in Psychostimulant Abuse Research was inspired by the information presented at the FASEB Summer Research Conference at Copper Mountain, Colorado in July of 1995. That conference included individuals involved in animal, human and clinical research who covered many of the important issues in psychostimulant abuse. Each presentation was followed by extensive discussions that were often productive and insightful, enriched by the broad interests of the participants. This collection of papers reflects this broad approach and includes many of the issues raised in those discussions. This includes current theories of drug abuse, issues from animal research—behavioral parameters as well as the biological basis of psychostimulant abuse and issues from human and treatment research. The scholarly contributions to this volume are frequently the synthesis of literature using a unique perspective that often resulted in potential new directions for research into and the treatment of psychostimulant abuse. I would like to commend the participants for their substantive and timely contributions to this very important area. The information contained within will hopefully inspire further research in the search for more effective and efficient treatment of psychostimulant abuse.

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