



Editorial

THE 4th international Pharmacology Biochemistry & Behavior meeting was held in Morzine, France from January 10–14, 2000, a great way to welcome the new millennium. The greatest number of delegates came from the USA, UK, Finland and Canada, but, in all, there were registrants from 16 different countries. Continuing in the tradition of these meetings, as well as keynote lectures by leading researchers, we also provided a platform for young scientists to give an oral presentation of their work. Once again the meeting was characterised by a very relaxed atmosphere that greatly encouraged productive discussion. I am grateful to all those who contributed to the success of the meeting, particularly David Overstreet for his organisational help with US delegates, Emma Fluck who for all four meetings has succeeded in presenting slides without a single hitch or error and to Emma and Nick Jarrett and the other members of my group for their help in organising and running the meeting. The topic of this Special Issue was inspired by the Morzine meeting, which took as its focus the legal drugs of desire—nicotine, caffeine and alcohol and the interactions between these drugs. All the papers in this issue have been subject to the normal rigorous refereeing process. Some were submitted by meeting participants, others were submitted to the European office in the normal way, but were deemed to be suitable for inclusion in the Special Issue. The issue has a broader coverage than that of the meeting and includes cannabinoids, opioids and stimulants. The success of this issue is thanks to all those authors who met tight deadlines, to the referees who so promptly reviewed the manuscripts and to the editorial assistance of Nick Jarrett. I hope that the readers will gain at least some of the great enjoyment of this topic that we all shared in Morzine.

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