

## **Preface**

The interaction of small molecules with oligonucleotides has absorbed the interest of scientists since before the discovery of the DNA double helix, and this Symposium represents the status of the field in 1995. I am pleased to have the opportunity to organize this issue, and I have no doubt that readers will be stimulated by the incredible quality of work that is presented. The new and increasingly detailed discoveries on the chemistry of DNA/drug interactions and the growing number of biologically relevant compounds that effect activity by binding to oligonucleotides attests to the timely nature of this Symposium. I hope to have brought together sufficiently diverse contributions, so that an accurate picture of the current objectives and future directions of the field of DNA and RNA binding agents will emerge from this volume.

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