

Editorial

SPECIAL ISSUE: BIOTECHNOLOGY DRUG DEVELOPMENT

In the spring of 1995 our publishers contacted us with the suggestion that a special issue of this journal be devoted to biotechnology drug development. The members of our Editorial Board were asked to comment on the desirability of this proposal, and there was a strong, positive response in favor of the concept. We have therefore assembled this special issue of review and research papers dealing with a number of salient aspects of the impact of biotechnology on the design and evaluation of drug delivery systems and devices.

We thank the authors of the papers published in this issue who have responded so generously to our invitation. We hope that this issue will not only be of interest to our readers but may also stimulate at least some

to enter this challenging but most rewarding field of ever-growing importance.

It is the intent of our publishers and Editorial Board to publish in future volumes of *Drug Development and Industrial Pharmacy* additional special issues devoted to this area. Initially, we hope to publish one such issue a year. At a later date, perhaps we may increase the frequency.

Potential authors of papers dealing with the development, manufacture, evaluation, or regulation of human or veterinary drug products or devices which involve aspects of biotechnology are cordially invited to contact the editorial office.

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