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## Foreword

The *European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry* is delighted to welcome the main lectures and oral communications of the XVIIth International Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry, held in Barcelona from 1–5th September 2002. Dr Ferran Sanz, Guest Editor, did a wonderful job in preparing this special issue and we are pleased to offer it now to our readers.

Olivier Lafont  
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