
Editorial

The first issue of the 50th volume of the *European Journal of Pharmaceutics and Biopharmaceutics (EJPB)* is a special anniversary issue presenting the forefront of science in the diverse topics regularly published in the journal. Volume 50 also represents a milestone in the history of *EJPB*. Now, all articles published in the *EJPB* are cited in Medline, the most widely-used literature database in the field of medical sciences. Simultaneously, the journal is subject to a critical evaluation and will receive an annual 'impact factor' which measures its influence on our field.

EJPB was founded in the mid-fifties by the International Association of Pharmaceutics (APV). Professor Dr H. Sucker and Dr R. Dolder served as the journal's editors in the early days. At that time, *EJPB* was focussed upon pharmaceutical processing, and the journal appeared quarterly as a trilingual publication (reflecting its principal readership from Germany and Switzerland). Times changed, however, and in the 1980s under the leadership of Professor J.B. Mielck and Professor H.P. Merkle, the format and the

appearance of the *EJPB* evolved. This evolution continued under the subsequent editorship of Professor Dr R. Süverkrüp.

The early 1990s brought new leadership to the Journal, and the decision that it would be published exclusively in English, in response to a widening European and global audience. Concomitantly, the size of the journal grew as did the number and quality of submissions, and the reputation of the *EJPB*. Today, this Journal has one of the largest number of subscribers in the pharmaceutical field, and is read in over forty countries. For 3 years now, the *EJPB* has been available via the World Wide Web and the composition of its editorial advisory board has led to the Journal becoming truly international.

I would like to take the opportunity of this 50th anniversary to thank all supporters of the *EJPB*. It is you who make the Journal the great success that it is today!

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