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## Editorial

For many years, EJPB has had a very stable editorial team. Recently, two editors, Prof. Yoshiaki Kawashima and Prof. Gerrit Borchard decided to step down. We would like to take this opportunity to cordially thank them for their input to the journal and for their help over all these years.

At the same time, we would like to welcome the two incoming members of the editorial team, Profs. Rathbone and Friess.

Prof. Mike Rathbone from the School of Pharmacy, Griffith University, Queensland, Australia, is well known for his large experience in controlled and modified drug delivery, mucosal routes of administration, veterinary drug delivery and assessment of polymer-based drug delivery. He has extensively published in the field of formulation science and authored several books.

Prof. Wolfgang Friess from the University of Munich is recognized for his profound knowledge in the area of biopharmaceuticals, protein formulation, inhalation applications of proteins, and protein drying techniques.

Together with the other Editors Prof. Achim Göpferich, Prof. Geoffrey Lee, Prof. Claus Michael Lehr, Prof. Jean Christophe Leroux, Prof. James McGinity, and the Associate Editor Dr. Michael Möller, we are looking forward to further improve the journal's impact and to attract articles with innovative and visionary concepts in field of pharmaceutics.

However, already now we are proud of this journal that has experienced a rapid growth over the past 10 years both in volume (the number of submissions has tripled) and in Impact Factor (to currently 3.344). With a rejection rate of 74% EJPB, with only nine issues per year, is clearly focussed towards high quality papers and today finds itself among the leading publications in the field of pharmaceutics.

The high quality of articles published in the journal is also reflected in the excellent selection of the Most Cited Papers (selection based on ISI citation analysis) and Best Papers (selected by the Board of Scientific Advisers to the journal), for which awards were presented at this year's "5th World Meeting on Pharmaceutics, Biopharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Technology in Malta".

The awardees were as follows:

- Award for the Best Paper published in 2008: *Delivery of nanoparticles to the brain detected by fluorescence microscopy*, corresponding author: G. Fricker [1].
- Award for the Best Paper published in 2009: *Benefits of nanoencapsulation for the hypericin-mediated photodetection of ovarian micrometastases*, corresponding author: N. Lange [2].

- Award 2009 for the Most Cited Paper (years 2004–2008): *Inclusion of ibuprofen in mesoporous templated silica: drug loading and release property*, corresponding author: J.M. Devoisselle [3].
- Award 2010 for the Most Cited Paper (years 2005–2009): *Chitosan microparticles containing plasmid DNA as potential oral gene delivery system*, corresponding author: F. Öner [4].

Beside the overall increase in quality, we have observed other trends over the past years, such as a shift from mainly European submissions to a truly international authorship. In particular, manuscripts from Asia have increased substantially. Together with the publisher, we have drastically reduced the journal's production time, and we are actively working to further reduce the reviewing time.

In virtue of the innovative spirit of EJPB, we would also like to take this opportunity to announce the introduction of graphical abstracts to the journal. Such graphical abstracts, presented in the online Table of Contents, summarize the contents of the paper in a concise, pictorial form designed to capture the attention of the readership. You can preview examples at [www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/01683659](http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/01683659).

We hope you will continue to enjoy reading EJPB and to use the journal as an outlet of your own publications.

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