

Preface



The EJP Spring Meeting is an initiative intended to promote interaction between internationally renowned scientists and to produce a timely issue of the journal, representing the state of the art of the topics discussed during the meeting. The international nature of the meeting guarantees in-depth discussions of the topics presented. All participants of the meeting were asked to contribute to this special issue.

The EJP Spring 2001 Meeting covered the areas of neuropathic pain and inflammation, both topics of great interest to the readership of the European Journal of Pharmacology.

At the meeting Dr. C.A. Maggi was honoured for being the author of the highest number of papers published in the European Journal of Pharmacology over the past two decades. The manuscript of the honorary lecture on "Pe-

ripheral tachykinin receptors as targets for new drugs" precedes the two main sections of this special issue, "Neuropathic pain" and "Inflammation".

We hope that the readers of the European Journal of Pharmacology are as enthusiastic about the contents of this special issue as the participants of the EJP Spring 2001 Meeting were during this meeting from 8 to 10 June 2001 in Zeist, The Netherlands.

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