

Editorial

100th Celebration Issue of IJP

This celebration issue marks the 100th Volume of a journal which is devoted specifically to publishing quality pharmaceuticals research papers and reviews. When the first issue was printed 15 years ago, the demand for publishing space for pharmaceuticals research papers was moderate. Since then there has been an escalation of research interest in pharmaceuticals and the journal has increased both in quality and size to meet this demand. My fellow editors and I believe that the journal has done much to stimulate this international increase in pharmaceuticals research simply by providing the means by which submitted papers are rapidly reviewed and published.

The scope and barriers of pharmaceuticals have much widened over the years, indeed barriers between disciplines in the pharmaceutical sciences have become blurred and the journal has extended its aims and scope to take account of this. Nonetheless, it still remains primarily a pharmaceuticals research journal interested in publishing quality papers at the forefront of pharmaceuticals research. Journals should not be passive and they can, by the selection of their research papers, actively influence the direction of future research. Over the years, the International Journal of Pharmaceutics has done much to reinforce the work of established researchers. It has also stimulated the direction and scope of research of younger workers, especially by its publication of short and rapid communications.

While celebrating this 100th Volume, it must not be forgotten that none of this would have been possible without the skill and downright hard work of our Editors-in-Chief and the in-house desk staff in Amsterdam. We are grateful to our Editorial Board, who have collectively given us guidance over the years. It is our anonymous expert referees, however, who deserve special thanks for coping with the very large number of submitted manuscripts; although busy researchers, they have given the time to safeguard the standards of our journal. The Editors owe them more than just thanks, and acknowledge that the reputation of the journal depends greatly on their knowledge and expertise.

What of the future? With editorial offices in the United Kingdom, America and Japan, and a home base in The Netherlands, we are able to assess the needs and direction of pharmaceuticals research and select our papers accordingly. One may predict that by the time Volume 200 is printed many of the current barriers of research will have been breached and that mankind will have benefited from the medicinal discoveries that emerge. We trust the journal will have been instrumental in this.

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