

Preface

TIAFT 2005 special edition of *Journal of Chromatography B*

Under the theme of “East meets West in Forensic Toxicology” the 43rd International conference of TIAFT, held in Seoul, Korea from August 29th to September 2nd, 2005, was a successful meeting. More than 500 participants from 49 countries gathered to discuss challenges in and advancements of forensic toxicology. This international discussion and exchange of information provided an excellent opportunity to further promote the development of forensic toxicology.

With 73 oral and 131 poster presentations from all relevant areas (Postmortem Toxicology, Drug Profiling, Alcohol, Drugs and Driving, Quality Assurance, Clinical Toxicology/TDM, Analytical Methods, Drug of Abuse, Alternative Specimens, Urine Drug Testing) as well as NISI symposia, the conference examined world trends and technological issues in forensic toxicology.

The conference served as a platform for forensic toxicologists worldwide to exchange points of view. The social programs served to make the meeting an interesting and memorable one, and industrial exhibitions showcased the latest trends in technological developments. Above all, the success of the conference can be attributed to the willingness of all participants to learn and to interact both inside and outside the lecture room.

This special issue of *Journal of Chromatography B* brings seven presentations covering new research results and technology that are related to the abuse and/or misuse of various drugs and poisons. This issue will hopefully provide forensic toxicologists with new information and knowledge.

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