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Michael E. El-Kommos is currently Professor of Analytical Pharmaceutical chemistry at the University of Assiut. He was born in Mallayi, Egypt in 1947. He received his B.Pharm. degree in Pharmacy in 1969 and his M.Pharm. degree in Analytical Pharmaceutical Chemistry in 1974 from the University of Assiut, Assiut, Egypt. Between 1975 and 1979 he did predoctoral work with Professor N. P. Maksiutina at the Kiev Postgraduate Medical Institute, Kiev, Ukraine. He received his Ph.D. degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry (analysis) from the First Moscow Medical Institute, Moscow, Russia in 1979. He joined the staff of Assiut University in 1979. He was appointed Associate Professor in 1984 and a full Professor in 1990 at the same University. In 1983 and 1984, he spent 10 months as a postdoctoral research associate in Professor N. Bodor's Group at the University of Florida in Gainsville, Florida, U.S.A. Professor El-Kommos's research interests include the theoretical and practical aspects of spectrophotometric and fluorimetric analysis, separation techniques, the theoretical and applied aspects of high-performance liquid chromatagraphy and the correlation of analytical indices with physico-chemical parameters of drug molecules by using advanced mathematical and statistical methods. He has published more than 45 research papers in the field of pharmaceutical analysis.

Maria Pesavento is Associated Professor of Analytical Clinical Chemistry at the Department of General Chemistry of the University of Pavia (Italy), a position she assumed 7 years ago. Before this, she was a researcher and assistant professor at the same university, from which she obtained her degree in Chemistry in 1972. At the beginning of her research activity Professor Pesavento was involved in investigations on solution equilibria, both in complexation and redox reactions. She spent some time at the Department of Inorganic Chemistry of the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, investigating in particular the effect of concentrated or complicated ionic media on chemical equilibria. As an analytical chemist, she was always concerned with their implications in practical analytical methods, mainly because of the possibility of predicting more efficient procedures. Then she developed an interest for problems like separation and preconcentration, which involve distribution equilibria between different phases, and mainly solvent extraction and ion exchange resins. In this field she works in co-operation with a number of research groups in Italy and abroad. Her current research is on the use of chelating resins for separation of metal ions at traces level from complicated matrices, e.g. sea water. Recently she began an investigation in the field of immunoassay for environmental and food analysis.

Professor Pesavento has authored or coauthored 50 publications dealing with her research interests.

Ezzat Abdel-Moety, born in Cairo, Egypt, graduated (B. Pharm. Sci) from College of Pharmacy, Cairo University in 1970 He obtained his Pharm. Sci. (Analytical Chemistry) in 1974 and, then, moved in 1976 to Germany to learn the language and to complete his studies for his Ph.D.-degree at the Institute of Pharmaceutical Chemistry of the Westfalian Wihelm's University (WWU) of Münster i.W., when, he received it in 1980. Dr Abdel-Moety worked during his stay in Münster with Prof. Dr W. O. Lundberg and Prof. Dr K. H. Mangold on lipid autoxidation (analysis and synthesis). Dr Abdel-Moety joined the Department of Analytical Chemistry, College of Pharmacy-Cairo University as lecturer, in 1981, and Associate Professor, in 1986. He spent in 1987 a short sabbatical leave as visiting Professor at the Institute of Forensic Medicine, University of Ulm-Germany, with Prof. Dr-med. G. Reinhardt. Then Dr Abdel-Moety left to work in the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and received the full professorship in 1991. He has research interests on drug and lipid analysis. The field of photochemical stability of drug substances has newly a special attention. Continuous flow analysis of drugs, FIA in particular, is also of great interest. Dr Abdel-Moety has lectured widely and published over 60 research papers and some book articles.