

## Letter from the Editors

*In the last two decades, new drugs have been flooding into the international market and many of them do infact felt the optimism that they may provide a more effective treatment. On the other hand, throughout the world there had been intensive protests against bad situation concerning the drug market, and suggestions have been made for its improvement.*

*The flooding of new drugs into the market is due to the development of pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmacology and toxicology, and in the creation of new scientific branches (especially pharmacokinetics, general and clinical) and in the interest of the pharmaceutical industry in obtaining profits.*

*Normally, those scientists dealing with drugs, and particularly clinical physicians and pharmacists do not in most cases have the time to obtain all the information pertaining to the efficiency and use of thousands of drugs.*

*Especially in the case where the clinical physician and pharmacist must choose from amongst a large number of bioequivalent drugs, the selection requires a benefit/cost analysis. This ratio depends on two factors. The first is related to the particularities of a definite market, and to the cost and the availability of raw materials. The second factor depends, among others, on the dose/response relation, the duration of the treatment and the therapeutic margin of the drugs and for a given patient from genetic disorders which influence the metabolism and the action of the drug.*

*These considerations are directly related to the aims and objectives of our Journal which provides scientific information for physicians, dentists and pharmacists in the field of drugs and other related areas. With the published articles we endeavor:*

- to offer physicians and pharmacists on the basis of updated developments of various scientific branches, all the necessary knowledge on drugs (information article)*
- to introduce the existing perceptions on a specific drug or a group of drugs (review articles)*
- to give broad summaries of articles from other journals on the recent developments on drugs (bibliography)*
- to publish original research studies.*

*Until now our Journal has published articles in Greek followed by a broad summary in English or French. Summaries of these articles have been also published in Chemical Abstracts of the American Chemical Society. In addition, several articles have been translated in English, French and Spanish, and our Journal's subscribers include a considerable number of Libraries and Scientists worldwide.*

*The positive response towards our Journal in Greece and abroad, as well as the need by Scientists in Greece for a publication in Foreign languages, in conjunction with requests to publish articles from various countries has given us the opportunity to continue with an International Edition.*

*This new Journal will be issued every six months; our aim is to issue this Edition quarterly. The aims and objectives of the International Edition remain the same as those mentioned previously for the Greek Edition. It is our intention to publish original papers and articles.*

*The Editors*