

Editorial

Sincere thanks to Véronique Préat and Thorsteinn Loftsson and a Warm Welcome to Carmen Alvarez-Lorenzo and Juan Manuel Irache

I would like to sincerely thank Prof. Véronique Préat and Prof. Thorsteinn Loftsson for all their work and efforts for our journal! Veronique served as an *Editor for Europe, Africa and Near East* and Thorsteinn as *Editor for Reviews*, both from 2017 to 2019.

Véronique Préat is Professor of Pharmaceutics at the Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium.

Thorsteinn Loftsson is Professor of Physical Pharmacy at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik.

Being an editor is a very interesting and important task, but not an easy one: It requires a personal engagement, a considerable amount of time and the work has to be done with great care. With the help of our reviewers, the editors must assure the scientific quality of the articles we publish. Sometimes it can be very challenging to find appropriate reviewers, who have the time to read and comment on a manuscript. Unfortunately, numerous reviewer invitations are declined, due to a lack of time. It is also not rare that different reviewers have different opinions on a manuscript. The editor has to build her/his own opinion, based on the manuscript and the comments she/he received from the peer reviewers. This requires time and energy, and is of crucial importance for the quality assurance of the articles which are published in our journal. We do our best to evaluate the work of our authors in an impartial and thorough manner. I am extremely grateful to Veronique and Thorsteinn for all their highly valuable efforts over these years!

And I am very happy to welcome Prof. Carmen Alvarez-Lorenzo as a new *Editor for Europe, Africa and Near East* as well as Prof. Juan Manuel Irache as the new *Editor for Reviews* of the International Journal of Pharmaceutics!

Carmen Alvarez-Lorenzo is Professor of Pharmaceutical Technology at the University of Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Her research interests include drug and gene nanocarriers, stimuli-responsive and imprinted networks, biomimetic materials, scaffolds as well as drug-eluting medical devices.

Juan Manuel Irache is Professor of Pharmaceutical Technology at the University of Navarra in Spain. His research focuses on micro- and nanoparticles, bioadhesive carriers for the delivery of macromolecules as well as innovative adjuvants for vaccination and immunotherapy.

I Am very much looking forward to work with Carmen and Juan in the coming years!