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**EIGHTH MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE  
ON DRUG RESEARCH**

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**Editorial**

The eighth Multidisciplinary Conference on Drug Research started May 30th 2012, which closely coincided with celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pharmaceutical Research Institute foundation (May 29<sup>th</sup> 2012; The Royal Castle, Warszawa). Because of this coincidence the conference was placed in Mazovia region, in a spacious and well equipped Congress and Spa Hotel Ossa, near Rawa Mazowiecka, to facilitate transportation of participants of both events. According to the conference mission, turned already into an established tradition, the event had a wide scope, centered at pharmaceutical active substances and preparations, but ranging from intellectual property management, through application of modern analytical methods in quality assurance, to some aspects of molecular medicine, including epigenetics and nanotechnology. The program suffered from minor changes forced upon organizers by the last minute announcements of an absenteeism, nevertheless, rich in communications and posters, offered an ample opportunity for interactions of the participants. For the second time in a row, excellent contributions from the plenary lecturers have left no trace in print, except in the program abstracts, which we find regrettable. The loss has been, at least partly, compensated by rich flow of manuscripts from the remaining participants. In our opinion the present issue of the journal brings current and valuable information about scientific interests, directions of research and methodological potential of the leading laboratories, which should greatly facilitate contacts and enhance further cooperation, much needed for participation in future programs, local and international.

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