Editorial

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In 2005, the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the University of Geneva and Lausanne was inaugurated. On that occasion, CHIMIA gave to this new structure named in French 'Ecole de Pharmacie Genève-Lausanne (EPGL)' the opportunity to present its scientific activity through a series of short research communications.

Seven years have passed since the publication of that special issue (*Chimia* **2005**, no. *6*). The EPGL continues to be very active in teaching and research. The latter is conducted by the permanent staff, a team of more than 100 PhD students and more than 30 postdoctoral fellows. These research activities are the sign of a lively institution.

Since its creation, labs and departments were reorganized as research units with clear missions and research fields. CHIMIA has given us again the opportunity to present our activities, as reviews and perspective papers or as research communications. Each research unit of the EPGL contributed to this special issue of CHIMIA.

Prof. Muriel Cuendet

As a starting point, the president and vice-president of the EPGL present the history, structure and main activities of the institution. Two manuscripts (***Boubeva** et al.* and ***Nurisso** et al.*) are research communications representing the activities of the research units of Biopharmacy and Pharmacochemistry. ***Guidi** et al.*, ***Ing Lorenzini** et al.*, ***Berthouzoz** et al.*, and ***Bugnon** et al.* report on the more applied aspects of research found in hospitals and community pharmacies, and represent the Hospital and Clinical pharmacy, the Clinical pharmacology, as well as the Community pharmacy research units. Back to basic science, ***Allémann** et al.* introduces us to the activities of the Pharmaceutical technology research unit in the field of drug delivery. ***Kalia** et al.* present the research performed in the Pharmaceutical biochemistry research unit. Natural product research is then discussed in articles by ***Christen*** and ***Cuendet*** (Pharmacognosy) as well as ***Wolfender*** and ***Ferreira Queiroz*** (Phytochemistry and bioactive natural products). Finally, activities related to analytical chemistry are presented by ***Rudaz** et al.* (Pharmaceutical analysis chemistry), ***Hopfgartner*** and ***Varesio*** (Life sciences mass spectrometry), and ***Viette** et al.* (Clinical proteomics).

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