

EDITORIAL

Dear Members

and all those who are always interested in **Thai Journal of Pharmacology**. This year is twentieth year of the Pharmacological and Therapeutic society of Thailand. We hope all of you will more enjoy and profit from reading the journal. The new approaches to **Thai Journal of Pharmacology** are developed in the coming years as we plan to publish the journal every 4 months. We are convinced that Thai Journal of Pharmacology will serve all pharmacologist and all researchers in the area of pharmacology or related fields.

As medical knowledge increases apace, the need researches for new drug development are still our duty. We are proudly present the two original articles obtained from our young pharmacologists, Dr. Pravitt Akarasereenont, MD, PhD and Dr. Laddawal Phivthong-ngam, PhD. Both of them had an excellent opportunities to do those researches in international standard laboratories and devoted their original articles for our journal. In the first article, Dr Pravitt presents data on the inducible isoform of cyclooxygenase (COX-2) and the roles of protein kinases in the induction of COX-2. In the second article Dr. Laddawal shows her experimental data on the cholesterol lowering action of lovastatin in high cholesterol rabbit. The case report in this issue is a long-termed study of Dr. Kobkarn and her colleges from the faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University. The application of fluocinolone in the treatment of oral lichen planus which failed to response the other drugs has been observed (if you remember her case report in our journal 2 years ago). The two reviews in this issue are NMDA receptor and nitric oxide (NO). NMDA receptor was presented by Dr. Panya in the meeting of the Pharmacological society and Therapeutic of Thailand held on 2 May 1997. The another review is about NO from Dr. Somchai from Chiangmai. This review is special for our members who are interested in NO, one of the most popular substances in this decade. In this review, NO is focused on its roles in biological function.

As you can see in this issue, the new drugs and pharmacological digest can be your entertainment and knowledge quick sources. Thanks to my young energetic staffs. They are very helpful and supportive. I myself appreciate their motivation for our journal and society. I want to express my sincerely thanks to all of sponsors who are continue to support the journal in spite of the IMF (I am fool- abbreviation for someone who are responsible for that) economic situation in Thailand. See you in the next issue which will be launched in August this year, I hope to. Please join us by sending your manuscripts or letters. We are waiting for any message from you.