

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Proceedings of the 8th Workshop on Targetry and Target Chemistry, which was held in St. Louis during the summer of 1999. The workshop was held concurrently with the 11th International Symposium on Radiopharmacology (ISR) and immediately prior to the 13th International Symposium on Radiopharmaceutical Chemistry (ISRC). Together they represented "Meetings in St. Louis," which was devoted to all aspects of radiopharmaceutical development. In all, the meetings were attended by a total of 600 scientists and engineers from many countries throughout the world.

These proceedings represent joint efforts by many people, most importantly of which are the many scientists and engineers who participated in the workshop itself. Without this input and level of enthusiasm the workshop would fail in its mission.

Organizing the workshop was a major challenge and I would like to thank the Local Organizing Committee and the International Advisory Committee for their guidance and encouragement. I must also acknowledge the hard work of the Global Steering Committee for Meetings in St. Louis, who met every Thursday for two years prior to the meetings and ensured that the entire infrastructure was in place for successful scientific interaction.

I am deeply grateful to all of the session chairs, whom I begged, bullied and coerced into organizing sessions, moderating and proofreading the transcripts of the sessions. Their efforts are well reflected in these proceedings. We are in the process of archiving all of the WTTC proceedings to the Internet; they will be available through TRIUMF (www.triumf.ca/wttc).

Finally, I would like to wish Olof Solin and the local organizing committee every success with the Ninth Workshop, which will be held in Turku, Finland, in May 2002.

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