

Guest Editorial for *DISSOLUTION TECHNOLOGIES*

“A FOND FAREWELL”

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Along with my recent retirement, I have reviewed and reminisced about all that has happened in our industry these last fifty years. I recall my dad, Bill Hanson, designing the first commercial dissolution tester back in 1968 and bringing his first production unit home to run all weekend before shipping it out to a customer on Monday morning. Such is the formative trajectory of countless garage shop start-ups all over this great land.

In the following decades I enjoyed a birds-eye view of the remarkable advances in the discipline of dissolution testing. These included the rigorous refinement of in vitro operating and performance parameters, the advent of sophisticated automation technology, the harmonization and globalization of dissolution testing, and the application of new and special dosage formulations. Dissolution has indeed become the preeminent quality control test for the world's pharmaceuticals.

It is commonly presumed that scientists are of a serious, staid, and discerning disposition, and many of course are just that. But I've also encountered some of the funniest (and wildest) senses of humor amongst my scientific colleagues, which always lightens the day and our workload. (I'll spare names to protect the innocent.) One need only attend a local watering hole after a long day at an industry event or trade show to observe what I mean.

I also want to say that I've been privileged to meet and work with some of the most committed, caring, and conscientious professionals all across our industry. These are men and women of character and integrity, researchers and practitioners who have dedicated their careers to improving the quality of medicine and healthcare around the world. 'Tis a noble endeavor we are engaged in, my friends, and Godspeed to all.

Sincerely,

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