

## A Special Transition

The *AIChE Journal* is proud of its position as the highest rated generalist chemical engineering journal as measured by its impact factor. Part of this ranking is due to the quality of manuscripts we receive and those that we choose to publish. Over the past seven years, an additional very important component has been the series of *Perspectives* articles, which are generally the most widely read and cited parts of the *Journal*. This section was conceived of, and managed by, its founding editor, Julio M. Ottino. As a result of his new responsibilities as Dean of the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science at Northwestern University, Julio is reluctantly giving up the position of Associate Editor for the *Perspectives* section. The *Perspectives* section will continue. After a careful search, Pablo G. Debenedetti, the Class of 1950 Professor in Engineering and Applied Science in the Dept. of Chemical Engineering at Princeton University, has agreed to take over its editorship. In fact, he has been hard at work at this task behind the scenes for several months, and the first of the articles he has edited will appear in the September 2006 issue.

Julio Ottino was an enormous help to me when I first took over editorship of the *AIChE Journal* in 2000 and ever since. I will miss his sage advice. The editorial board and I wish him well in his new endeavors. The departure of Julio as an associate editor also represents a special transition point for me as he had been the only current associate editor at the *Journal* that preceded my appointment.



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