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**Editorial**

This special issue focuses on important new technologies involving immunoassay techniques. Although immunoassay methods have been widely used in clinical chemistry, their general application for environmental science, at trace and ultra-trace levels, is clearly an emerging field which shows great promise.

In this issue Dr. James Sherry (Canadian National Water Research Institute) carefully considers the advantages, limitations, and potentiality of “the immunoassay option” for environmental chemistry. In addition, he puts particular emphasis on the pedagogy of teaching the underlying concepts, and speculates on the future of this technology. We are grateful to Dr. Sherry for the care taken in preparation of a very thorough review of the field.

Professor Rosa Purchades (Department of Chemistry, Polytech University of Valencia, Spain) examines this field from a different perspective: the “marriage” of immunoanalysis with flow injection techniques. This is also an emerging field and we are pleased to include her timely and thorough review.

This is the first of many periodic “special topic” issues planned for *Critical Reviews in Analytical Chemistry*. Several of these issues will be guest edited by members of the CRAC Editorial Advisory Board and others. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

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