

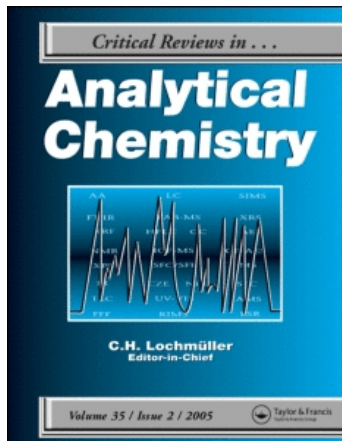
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Letter from the Editor

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In the 10+ years that I have been Editor-in-Chief many changes have occurred in chemical measurement science and much has not changed in terms of basic principles. I can recall when electrochemistry dominated academic analytical chemistry and stories of how gas chromatography was viewed as a flash-in-the-pan curiosity unlikely to add much to chemical measurement. Similar insights abound in academic circles where “What’s hot!?” asks a question about the immediate future narrowly viewed most often. As important as Marxist Deconstruction is to literature [or was] so are other current stars in science if one takes a longer perspective.

One needs to be cautious with the weight given to numbers of citations as indicators of importance. A routine method for protein estimate may be cited many times because the method is used and a paper solving Fermat’s Last Theorem in closed form might be cited far less despite its importance. I offer this comment because of what follows and because I think the broad interest in articles published in this Journal are more than eulogies to dead areas of science.

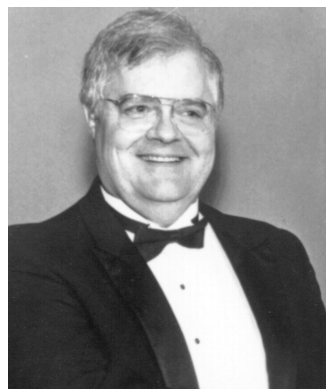
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